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SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	1900.
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	22nd Dec,
M.L. SOBRAON	7382	L. M. Wibmer	29th ,, 1901.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	5th Jan.
M. VALETTA	5048	F. N. Tillard	12th ,,
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	19th ,,
M.L. EGYPT	7922	G. L. Langborne	26th ,,
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	2nd Feb.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	9th ,,
* PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	16th ,,
M.L. PENINSULAR	6287	T. Leigh	23rd ,,
* INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	2nd Mar.
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	9th ,,
* PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	16th ,,
M.L. INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	23rd ,,
* EGYPT	1922	G. L. Langborne	30th ,,
M.L. PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	6th April

The steamers marked M. L. proceed to Marseilles, Plymouth and London. Passengers for Brindisi transhipping at Port Said.

The Steamers marked * proceed to Aden only, and Passengers tranship there for Brindisi, Marseilles, Plymouth or London.

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HEAVY BAGGAGE must be sent to the BALLARD PIER on FRIDAY AFTERNOON the day previous to Sailing, and CABIN BAGGAGE before 9 A.M., on SATURDAY. The attention of Passengers is called to the importance of having their Baggage Labelled with Port of Destination.

Tenders leave the Ballard Pier on day of Sailing. All Passengers must attend at that place between 11 A.M., and 12-30 P.M., for medical inspection by the Health Officer of the Port, and no one will be allowed on board the Mail Steamer unless so examined and conveyed thence in the Company's steam barges. Special attention is directed to these regulations, which are imperative under the Venice Convention.

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F. RITCHIE,
Superintendent P. & O. S. N. Company.
Bombay, 3rd December, 1900.

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UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT,

TO TRIESTE DIRECT VIA ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

Steamer.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATRIX	C. Bellen	4,149	1st Jan., 1901.
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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
* TRIESTE	A. Mitis	5,095	23rd Dec., 1900.
GISELA	F. Mosca	4,253	in Jan., 1901.
VINDOBONA	G. Klansberger	4,351	in Jan., 1901.

* She will not call at Karachi.

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TO TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 412-8	Rs. 165.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
MARIA TERESA	T. Rassevich	3,042	31st Dec., 1900.

For further particulars, Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

E. SCARPA, Agent,
Sassoon House, 52, Church Gate Street.
Bombay, 10th Dec. 1900.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

French Mail Steamers.

TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on THURSDAY.
ANNAM	6,208	Poydonot	20th Dec., 1900.
OCEANIEN	4,259	Schmitz	17th Jan. 1901.
INDUS	6,357	Duchateau	14th Feb., 1901.

TO COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, JAVA, SAIGON, TONQUIN, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

S. S. "SYDNEY," 4,232 tons, Captain Aubert, to sail on or about the 9th Jan., 1901.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
S.S. Pco. BALDUINO.	4,580	O. Canepa	15th Jan. 1901
,, R. RUBATTINO.	4,580	O. Canepa	15th Feb., 1901

BOMBAY TO VENICE DIRECT.
CALLING AT ALEXANDRIA AND BRINDISI.

	Tons.	Captains	
S.S. NILO	2801	27th January, 1901.	A. Coanzoneri
S.S. INDEPENDENT	2862	24th February, 1901.	S. Anfosso
S.S. NILO	2801	27th March, 1901.	A. Coanzoneri
S.S. INDEPENDENT	2863	28th April, 1901.	S. Anfosso

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3rd ,,	165	--	--	--

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S. S. "DUMRA," 1,695 tons, on the 21st December, at 2 p. m., or later on arrival of the English Mail.

FOR COAST AND KARACHI.

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FOR ADEN, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, AND LAMU.

S. S. "GOA," 1,903 tons, on or about 26th December.

FOR KARACHI, SEYCHELLES, MOMBASA AND ZANZIBAR.

S. S. "VIRAWA," 3,333 tons, on or about 22nd December.

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. "SCINDIA," 2,729 tons, on or about 29th December.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
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Bombay, 20th December, 1900.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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It may be necessary, as in previous years, to run an additional Express Train on these dates, leaving Colaba at 9-15 p.m., Bombay time.

D. ff. POWELL,
Acting General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 15th December 1900.

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SUIT No. 828 of 1900.

THE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF BOMBAY ..... Plaintiff.

vs.

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4. SHOOKER ABRAHAM of Bombay Jewish inhabitant, residing at Murzban Road, Fort, Bombay, the Trustee of an Indenture of Trust bearing date 1st June, 1868, and
5. SILAS EZRA SASSOON, of Bombay Jewish inhabitant, residing at Pedder Road outside the Fort Bombay.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a Suit with the permission of the Court against the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Defendants abovenamed being the Trustees of an Indenture of Trust dated 1st June, 1868, referred to in the Plaint and against the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Defendants abovenamed on behalf of themselves and the other members of the Jewish Community of Bombay praying.

(A) That the first four Defendants as Trustees of the Indenture dated the 1st June, 1868, referred to in the Plaint may be authorised and directed to convey and transfer to the new Trustees if appointed as prayed the 173½ square yards of land at Byculla specified in the Plan annexed to the Plaint and thereon coloured blue with the School and other buildings standing thereon and to transfer to the said new Trustees the management of the said School and to enter into such covenants as are referred to in para. 12 of the Plaint.

(B) That it may be declared that after such conveyance and transfer the said Trustees of the said Indenture dated the 1st June 1868, shall hold the remaining portion of the said land comprised therein and the sum of Rs. 30,000 thereby settled and the securities in which the same is invested and interest, dividends and income of such securities freed and discharged from all trusts for the maintenance and support of the said School but subject to the covenants referred to in para 12 of the Plaint herein and that the Trusts contained in the said Indenture may be varied or altered accordingly.

(C) That a scheme for the future maintenance support and management of the said school based upon and giving effect to the terms offered by the first Defendant in the 8th and 10th paras of the Plaint set forth may be settled by and under the direction of this Honorable Court.

(D) That the Costs of this suit may be provided for.

(E) That the Plaintiff may have such further or other relief as the nature of the case may require.—Dated this 10th day of December, 1900.

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No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

SALE OF STOCK-IN-TRADE of Printing, Writing, and Casing Papers, Writing Materials, Printing and Writing Ink, Books, one old, Piano, &c.

By order of N. C., Macleod, Esq., Official Assignee, H. C., and in re Cawasjee Abdul Rahim, an Insolvent, Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 2-30 p.m., at No. 48, Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort shop, consisting of hundles of Foolscap, printing, and brown papers, of sorts, French note and post papers, cutting and silver papers, rolls of binding cloth and papers, envelopes, copying presses, printing and writing ink, casing papers, date racks, steel pens penholders, pencils, inkstands, twine, cotton bandings, curling and drawing papers, T. squares, letter clips, paper boards coloured paper glazed, blank books, pen racks, cards, letter scales, empty mehta boxes pillows, chairs, rulers, gum bottles, elastic bands, &c.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.
Bombay, 21st December, 1900.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

THE SALE of ground with the building built thereon, situate near Cleveland Bunder, at Warlee, advertised to take place to-morrow, Saturday, the 22nd inst., is POSTPONED until further intimation.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

GRAND AUCTION SALE OF CURIOSITIES SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Warehouse buildings, Church Gate Street, Fort, the following European and Japanese curiosities consisting of rich carved Japanese cabinets and panels, gold embroidered silk screens, silk bed covers, purdahs, table covers, handkerchiefs, large flower vases, jardinier, tea sets, wall plates, bamboo furniture, rich majolica jardinier, on stand figures, busts, umbrella stands, scent boxes, onix marble sliding table, lamps, hanging lamps, ice boxes with refrigerators, terra cotta figures, busts, flower vases, real bronze figures and vases, best plated ware suitable for hotels, plush work and toilet boxes, ivory toilet boxes, leather goods consisting of albums, date racks, writing desks, dressing bags and cases, opera glasses, carriage, time pieces, dressing room chiffoniers with mirrors, teapoys, etc.

Catalogues are published and the goods are on view.

SALE OF DAMAGED COTTON WASTE AND CORRUGATED IRON SHED AT THE EBRAHIM PABANI MILL, DELISLE ROAD, PAREL.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction at the Ebrahim Pabani Mill, on account of the Insurance Offices concerned—

A quantity of cotton waste damaged by fire and water and corrugated iron shed,

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 22nd inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Church Gate Street, Fort, opposite Messrs. Singer and Co's Establisment, valuable and handsome French-polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture, rich crockery and glassware, platedwere, table ornaments, sliding dining table, iron safe, etc., the property of Mrs. SUMMER and another.

Catalogues are published and the property is be on view.

On MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, medium-sized telescopic dining table, single iron cot with wire spring and cotton mattresses, valuable oil paintings, steel engravings and chromolithographs, Singer's hand and foot-sewing machines in perfect order, a few presentation silverware, revolvers and rifles, travelling and other kerosine oil stoves, pieces of flannel, cashmere and Scotch tweed cloths, boot and shoes, sundry glassware, two handsome dinner services, cutlery, standard and light reading novels and other books, etc., the property of a gentleman leaving Bombay.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view two days before the sale.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Godown, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following :—

Furniture such as cupboards, tables, chairs, writing, dressing, and washand tables, bed and hat stands, etc.

1 D-B, B.L. 12-bore rifle with a bullet mould and cartridge cromping stick, a converted tin fire of good make, shoots well up to 100 yards, with 17 loaded cartridges and a few bullets,

1 small 22 rifle and air-gun combined, a few cartridges, and a box of 100 rifled slugs.

10 cases hams,

8 cases ginger wine and 6 cases vermouth.

By order of Messrs. Soondy and Co., Ltd., and on account and at the risk of Ebrahim Abdulrahman—

Three large size oil-paintings—Tiger killed in Hyderabad jungles, portraits of nobles, Durbar in Hyderabad, in gilt frame, and the portrait of Zenana lady of Hyderabad, in gilt frame,

By order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Messrs. F. C. Cooper and Co. of Bombay.

1 6-inch new centrifugal pump, with standard and pulley.

AT 2 P.M.

3 new "Beeston's Globe" gents bicycles, with accessories.

Also a few second-hand bicycles by different makers.

1 light victoria, in good order.

1 second-hand serviceable office shigram.

1 glass-fronted double-seated brougham.

1 light dogcart.

And any other carriages and horses which may be offered

On WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Hamilton Hotel Compound, Mazagon, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, pictures, lamps, table ornaments, etc., the property of G. C. GILDER, Esq., changing residence.

Catlogues will be published and the property will be on view three days before the sale.

On SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at No. 15, Esplanade Road, Fort, the stock-in-trade La Ville de Paris Hair CuttingSaloon, consisting of French-English and American Perfumery, toilet articles of all sorts, furniture fittings, &c.

The above will be sold in one lot or in small lots to suit purchasers.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

Under instruction from the Administrator General Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Austion, at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 7th prox. at 3 p.m., the handsome French-polished, blackwood and teakwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, single barrel rifle by E. Harrison and Co., double barrelled central fire 12 bore, 1 gun by Thomas Turner in leather case, table ornaments, pictures, books, waring apparel, masonic apron, and sword, &c., the property of the late J. B. HAWORTH, Esq.

The property will be on view three days before sale.

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Bombay, 21st December, 1900.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on account of the concerned—

8 cases each 12 hams in canvas by Messrs. John Latham and Co.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT, and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong English built Rally Cart by Harrison Brass and Co.

1 strong-built glass fronted miniature brougham.

1 second-hand strong victoria in good order.

1 grey Arab, quiet in harness.

1 Bay pony, quite in harness and saddle.

1 Handsome strong glass fronted minuature in very good order.

1 strong dog-cart in very good order.

1 chesnut Arab, 14 hands, 8 years old, quite in saddle and harness.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY At Kandawadi, Girgaum, known as Dr. Atmaram Pandurang's house.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction on the permises, by order of the mortgagee, Mr. Vithaldass Pranjiwandass, and on account and risk of the mortgagor, Bai Manghibai, daughter of the late Mr. Manmohandass Pranjiwandass and wife of Icharam Rangildass, the following property :—

FIRSTLY.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground, together with the messuage, tenements, or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being in Kandewadi, in the cart called Pattakwadi, Girgaum, without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement (654 3-9) six hundered and fifty-four and three-pin-hs square yards or thereabouts and bounded on the east by the house standing in the name of Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Baronet, and occupied by the family of the late Bhasker Pandurang, brother of Doctor Atmaram Pandurang, the house of Narayen owrajee, and the property of Raghunath Ganesh, on the west by a gully or passage equally be longing to and being used by Dr. Atmaram Pandurang and Atmaram Venayek Patkee and beyond thereof by the property of Boran Ebrahim Noorodin, on the north by the property of Atmaram Vinayek Patker, and on the south by the Kandawadi lane, assessed by the Collector of Assessment, under ward D Nos. 899, 8950, and under Street Nos. 52, 54, 56 and by the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 531, and new No. 2584, old Survey No. 536, and new Survey No. 7823.

SECONDLY.—All the undivided share of the said Bai Mangia, in all that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate in an cart in Girgaum called Patrakwadi, without the Fort of Bombay, in the registration sub district of Bombay containing by admeasurement (98 6-9) ninety-six square yards and six ninths of a square yard or thereabouts, and bounded on the east by the property of Dr. Atmaram Pundurang, on the north by the property of Atmaram Vinayek Patker, on the west by the property of Bora Ebrahim Noorodin, and on the south by the Kandawadi lane, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under ward D. Nos. 8950, and 891 and under Street Nos. 52, 54, 56 by the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 531, and new No. 2583, old Survey No. 536 and new Survey No. 7822.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Matubhai Jamietram, and Madon, solicitors, or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.
Bombay, 21st December, 1900.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 20.

2 2-4 per cent Consols.....£ 97 5-16—3-16
3 per cent Rentes .....£101 (ex) unchanged.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....£108 do.
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities ....£64 1-4 plus 1-8
Bar Silver in London.....29 5-8 unchanged.
Do New York .....64 1-8 do.
Exchange on London at Paris ...25'9 1-2 plus 1
Do New York .....4'84 1-4 unchanged.
Discount, Bank of England .....4 per cent. unch'ged.
Do Short London Bills .....4 1-8 do.
Do Indian Bank Bills .....4 1-8 do.

GOLD AND SILVER.

The following statement shews the imports into and exports from Bombay of Treasure from Foreign countries since the departure of last mail :—

	Imports. Rs.	Exports. Rs.
Gold Coins.....	1,698	...
Gold Bullion.....	247,500	1,650,451
Silver Coins.....	89,502	2,380,542
Silver Bullion.....	225,556	2,421

COUNCIL BILLS.

At the weekly sale for Council Bills yesterday for Rs. 40,00,000 the following allotments were made :—

To Calcutta.....Rs. 12,19,000
„ Bombay ..... „ 24,30,000
„ Madras. ..... „ 120,000
Total Rs. ... 37,00,000

The minimum price for tenders on Calcutta and Bombay was 1/4 1-16 at which rate 60 per cent. were alloted above that rate in full. The average rate was 16'06.

Telegraphic Transfers to Calcutta for Rs. 2,40,000 were made at 1/4 1-8. Total amount sold during the week was Rs. 40,00,000. Amount offered for next week is Rs. 80,00,000. Rate allotment of Bills on Calcutta for Rs. 60,000 was made at 1/4 3-32.

EXCHANGE.

The market has been firm to-day, and there were no buyers of December Bills under 1s. 4 11-32d., 3 months' sight. The closing rates are :—

Bank Telegraphic Transfer..... 1s. 4 3-32d.
„ Demand ..... 1s. 4 1-8d.
3 months' sight Credits..... 1s. 4 11-32d.
„ „ Francs..... 170 3-4
30 days' sight, Japan 148
„ „ Shanghai ... 209
Silver, London..... 29 5-8
„ New York 64 1-8

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market opened this morning at Rs. 96-2 for Settlement and Rs. 95-15 for Cash and has remained unchanged throughout the day with very little doing.

SHARES.

We have nothing special to report in this lines; prices remaining unchanged all round.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The directors of the Bank of Bombay, at their weekly meeting this afternoon, have raised the Bank's rate of interest and discount from 5 to 7 per cent. The

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has also raised its rate of discount to 7 per cent the last quotation being 6 per cent.

CROP REPORTS.

There has been little rain in the crop districts since last Monday. In the interval Amritsar has registered 34 cents, Moolton and Delhi 14 cents each, Agra 3 cents. The official telegrams to hand this afternoon tell again very satisfactory. Cotton plants are flourishing everywhere; picking is general, and small quantities of the raw material continue to arrive at the various stations in the Punjab, North-West Provinces, Rajputana, Berar and Khandesh. In Julgaon a larger area has been sown this year. Wheat and Seeds are doing well, but more rain is needed for rabi crops.

COTTON.

Reuter wires that the Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet; Surats were quiet. Manchester was quiet. The total day's sales were 7,000 bales; sold on speculation and export 500 bales. Imports 21,000 bales Surats 50 bales. Spot 5 13-32 plus 1-16. Arrivals ruled quiet but steady.

Futures at Liverpool :—

Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	March-April	June-July.
5'19 plus 3-64	5'17 plus 3-64	5'10 plus 3-64	5'3 plus 3-64

In New York the receipts at the Ports were 55,000 bales against 33,000 last year. Exports to Great Britain amounted to 9,000 bales. Continent 3,000 bales.

Mid-Uplands ..... 10 unchanged
Futures, month of March..... 9'29—2
„ „ of June..... 9'18—1

The market is rather quiet and prices are about one rupee lower for ready cotton; forward quotations remain unchanged. We have no news of any business having been put through in future deliveries on account of exporters. The day's sales amounted to 2,100 bales; of which exporters took 1,600 and Mills 500 bales. The official quotations to-day are :—

Growths.	Fine. Rs.	F. G. Rs.	Good. Rs.	Delivery.
Bengals, Hand-ginned, Railway terms	183	171	163	Dec. 25
Bengals, Machine-ginned, Railway terms	188	178	...	Do
Scind-Punjab Machine-ginned	190	...	...	Jan. 25, 1901.
Bilattee, Machine-ginned ..	195	...	...	Dec. 28
„ Hand-ginned	197	...	..	Do
Khandeish Machine-ginned..	...	192	..	Do
Julgaum Machin-ginned...	...	194	...	Do
Akola Machine-ginned	208	203	...	Do
Khamgaum Machine-ginned	208	203	...	Dec. 25.
Keranjia Machine-ginned...	208	203	...	Jan. 25, 1901
Oomra, Good Staple.....	212	...	...	Dec. 25
Do Do ...	...	203	...	Jan. 25
Broach, Machine-ginned ...	220	...	217	Mar. 25, 1901
Bhownugger, Hand-ginned	216	207	...	April-May.
Do Do ...	...	...	194	May
Saw-ginned Dharwar	...	...	218	May 25, 1901
Western	...	...	208	Do

The following are the receipts of the various growths of cotton at Bombay to date as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding season :—

	Yesterday.	Since 1st Oct. 1900.	Since 1st Oct. 1899.
Khandeish	1,967	37,304	31,036
Barsee and Nugur	258	12,077	6,416
Berar.....	3,397	89,496	36,502
Hingunghat.....	...	1,707	1,559
Dhollera	...	1,976	27,770
Broach	...	275	17,398
Compta and Dharwar.....	52	7,816	12,001
Westerns	...	1,782	564
Bengals.....	1,522	45,874	112,000
Sind	...	301	5,333
Persian.....	...	1,387	729
American.....	...	1,968	3,650
Egyptian	...	2,348	2,464
Other sorts	...	2,288	843
Total.....	7,196	206,599	258,205

The following figures shew the movements of cotton up to yesterday evening :—

	1900	1899	Difference
Receipts for the week	57,319	38,606	plus 18,713
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 19th December..	2,06,599	2,58,205	—51,606
Shipments for the week to Europe ...	9,009	1,602	plus 7,407
China Japan and Coast Ports.....	3,673	15,372	—11,699
Total.....	12,682	16,974	—4,292
Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 19th Dec.—			
Europe	69,473	4,926	plus 64,547
Japan ...	11,018	93,417	—82,399
China	1,149	13,152	—12,003
Coast Ports...	6,433	2,529	plus 3,904
Total.....	88,073	114,024	—25,951
Afloat in Harbour, Europe	5,787	Nil	plus 5,787
China, Japan and Coast Ports	5,481	400	plus 5,081
Total export from Bombay by G. I. P. Ry. from 1st Oct. 1899 to 30th Sept. 1900.....			1,307 bales
Do. by B. B. and C. I. Ry. from 1st Oct. 1899 to 30th Sept. 1900			33,194 bales
Do. by G. I. P. Ry. from 1st Oct to 24th Nov. 1900.....			1,342 bales
Do by B B and C I R from to 6th Oct 1900			2,238 bales

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

We have received no telegrams to-day regarding the home markets for Wheat and Seeds.

Locally the Wheat market is very dull, and there is hardly any business passing for expert. Prices are declining and this evening the rate is White Pessy Rs. 4-5-6 being one anna and a half lower that yesterday's quotation.

In LINSEED prices are in favour of buyers, but there is little doing. We quote Linseed, bold, old, Rs. 9-13-0, new Rs. 8-7-0. These rates are 3 and 2 annas lower than our last quotations.

The market for RAPESEED is also easy and to-day's rates are :—

Brown Cawnpore	(old)	Rs. 3-4-0—2 as
„ „	(new)	Rs. 6-5-0—1 as
„ Delhi	.....	Rs. 6-5-0—1 1-2
Yellow Cawnpore	.....	Rs. 7-0-0—2 as
„ Guzerat	.....	Rs. 7-9-0—1 as

The POPPYSEED market is quiet and we have no transactions to report. We quote :—

old Rs. 8-13-0 equal—1 anna,
new 7-10-0 unchanged

The CASTORSEED market remains dull but there is a little doing on account of shippers. The quotations are :—

old Rs. 37-8—4 annas,
new Rs. 33-8 unchanged.

The market for GINGELLYSEED is quiet and shippers are operating to a limited extent. Our quotations remain unchanged.

Subjoined is a summary of daily arrivals of Produce into Bombay :—

	Yesterday. cwts.	Since 1st Jan. 1900. cwts.	Since 1st Jan. 1899. cwts.
Wheat	17,447	2,374,614	5,078,441
Linseed	322	756,632	2,078,091
Rapeseed.....	1,040	629 810	1,951,494
Gingellyseed	12,960	1,619,167	1,762,661
Poppyseed	970	458,103	587,339
Groundnuts	184	48,619	145,178
Castorseed	1,893	551,947	886,367
Rice	4,978	13,194,746	7,486,547
Myrabollams	3,15J	356,936*	not recorded.

* Since 1st April.

COTTON DUTIES.

The current number of the "Gazette of India," as also the "Bombay Government Gazette" published to-day, contain the revised tariff valuations fixed by the Government of India for the various descriptions of cotton goods manufactured in Indian Mills, and this tariff is notified to come into force from the 22nd instant.

THE SUGAR BOUNTIES QUESTION.

Before the last mail left Home it was reported in London that the negotiations in Paris concerning the sugar question between France, Germany and Austrian Hungary has reached a conclusion. The delegates of the three powers had drawn up a protocal record of the agreement which had been reached in London in favour of the abolition of the bounties. Correspondence with Great Britain is believed to show that she is disinclined to establish counter-vailing duties and foreign imported sugars. Consequently a resumption of the Brussels Conference, recently broken off, is probable.

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs. 10 p. c. }	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	2 bon. }	1265
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,280
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,020
Commercial	{ 10,000 }	100	{ 100 }	nil	66
Bank of India.	{ 15,000 }		{ 75 }		
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	200	all	3 pr. ct.	
Charter Bank..	40,000	430	430	10 pr. ct.	2291
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	80,000	dol. 125	all	21-13-0	
National Bank of India	40,000	625	312 1-2	3 pr. ct.	

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad				Half yearly.	
Advantage	70		000	Nil	
Alliance	1,500	1,000	all		
Anglo-Indian	1,315	...	0	Nil	17
Asser Veerjee Mill. Ltd.	In all 2000 Shares of which 1093 have been all lotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25 12 1-2	cm.
Aurangabad S. & M. Co., Ltd.		1,000	1,000	60	
Allahary S. & W. Co., Ltd. (Belapur)	971	60	all	9 per ct.	1,000
Berar Manfg. Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	170
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co....	90	500	500	dvdRs 30	430
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,000	1,000	Rs50	9
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dRs.5	0
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,000
Central India	1,000	500	50	dvdRs.60	1, 10
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.3	435
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.2	650
Colaba Bore S. and W. ...	6,000	100	00	9 pr ct.	1
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	500
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	750	...	nil	355
Coorla Mills ...	...	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	350
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvdRs60	590
David Mill ...	1,400	500	500	dvdRs30	240
Dunlia Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	400	250	all	dvdRs20	200
Dhun Mills.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	100
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	245
Framjee Petit..	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	275
Hindustan	575	1,000	1,000	Nil	330
Hinguughat Mills	700	500	500	40	670
Howard and Bullough ...	1,500	500	500	25	500
Hope Mills ...	500	1,000	1,000	30	350
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	30	1,000
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	760
Indian Manfg...	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	480
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld...	700	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 50	400
James Greaves.	1,100	500	500	Nil	400
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	dvdRs 20	220
Jamshedjee Manufacturing Co	1,500	250	250	dvd 5	130
Jeevraj Balloo..	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	425
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.....	5,400	1,000	1,000	20	30
Khandeish	7,500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs60	70
Khangaum Manfg. Co....	1,000	250	250	65	500xd
Khatao Mavjunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	150
Krishna Mills Ld	1,918	500	...	dvdRs.2	370
Lopold.....	3,500	100	108	dvdRs10	108
Lord Ray Mfg.	455	1,000	1,000	30	110
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	630
Madhavji United	350	1,000	1,000	Rs 100	2,325
Mahaluxmee...	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	70
Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	8,400	500	500	5 prct.	...
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd40	1225 1-2
Mohanlal K. Parekh G & Mfg Co. Ld., Ahmedabad	200	100	115	dvdRs15	...
Mazagon	5,000	250	...	Nil	55
Morarji Goculdass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs35	1,435
Mysore S & M. Co., Ld	4,000	250	250	Nil	180
Madura Mills...	7,779	100	100	Nil	...
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	pa 52
New Great Eastern.....	1,100	1,000	1,000	Nil	150
Presidency Mills. Co.(Ld).	742	1,	1,000	Nil	560
Queen Mills ...	800	1,000	1,000	Rs50	230
Ripon Mills ...	600	1,000	1,000	dvdRs5	500
Saraswati Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	500
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs30	1810
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	320
Soondercas ...	750	500	500	Nil	38
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil	245
Southern Maharatta	1,212	250	250	Nil	160
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	250	Nil	255
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	Nil	66
Star of India ...	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	575
Swadeshi Mills	4,000	400	500	dvdRs22½	
Sassoon and Jallface	3,000	500	500	Nil	325
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co	800	1,000	1,000	Ni	95
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	
Venkhunker Lukhmi shunker Mill Co. Ld...	900	500	500	Nil	410xd
Victoria Mills...	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Western India.	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	300
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co., Ld.	400	80	all	dvdR-	

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 29m. Sun sets, 5h. 28m. High water, 10-35m. 11-42s. Low water, 4-54m. 4-30s.
Chandur Manufacturing Company, Bruce Lane, 4-30 p.m.
Prize Distribution, St. Peter's High Schools, Mazagon, by Lady Northcote, 5-30 p.m.
Address of Congratulation to the Hon. Mr. Chandawarker by the Students' Brotherhood, Girgaum, 5-30 p. m.
Organ Recital, Cathedral, 6 p.m.

BURGLARY.—Mr. B. X. Furtado has reported to the police that during Wednesday night his shop at Cavel was broken into and a box containing currency notes, sovereigns and two watches, of the collective value of Rs. 740, carried away.

BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalwad, Advocate, High Court, and Sir Bhalchandra Krishna are the only two candidates who have yet come forward for election to the seat in the Bombay Legislative Council, vacated by the Hon. Mr. Chandawarker.

ELEPHANTA CAVES—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Third Presidency Magistrate, Luxmon Khondajl, tindal of the Yacht Falcon, belonging to the Zoroastrian Club, was charged with carrying a party of twelve persons to Elephanta Caves, contrary to the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act. The magistrate fined the accused Rs. 5

ILLICIT IMPORTATION OF GANJA.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater Chief Presidency Magistrate, Abkari Inspector Bhownuggree, charged Pursial Bramdi with importing into Bombay a quantity of bhang and ganja without a permit. Accused, on alighting at the Victoria Terminus yesterday, was challenged by the Inspector and his luggage examined when the contraband goods were found. He was fined Rs. 50.

OFFICER FINED FOR ASSAULT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Mr. F. A. Bond, Second Officer on board the B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Vitawa, was charged with assaulting John Domingo D'Souza, steward of the ship. Accused ordered complainant to go off the quarter-deck and as complainant refused accused struck him. Accused was fined Rs. 7, which was awarded to complainant as compensation.

CHARGE OF USING CRIMINAL FORCE.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. W. Webb, Second Presidency Magistrate, committed to the next Criminal Sessions for trial, one Narayen Dhurmaji, under Section 376 of the Penal Code, for using criminal force on Luximee, a woman, aged twenty, the wife of Narayenswamy Ramswamy, who resides in Cammatipoora. The accused, it was alleged, committed the offence during the absence of the woman's husband from home on the 17th inst.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Lamu, Mombassa Tanga, Dar essalam, Ibo, Chinde and Zanzibar, per s.s. Setos, will be closed at the General Post Office at 6 p.m., to-day.—A mail for Europe, consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission, per Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Trieste, will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to the Trieste Post Office at 6 a.m., on Sunday the 23rd inst. Letters, &c., for Aden and Egypt, specially marked for transmission by this steamer, will also be despatched.

THE BAND AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND—The Band of the 21st Bombay Indian Marine Battalion will play the following programme under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, band-master, commencing at 4 45 pm :—

March..... Soldiers in the Park.....Monckton.
Overture .....Die Irrfahrt Um' Gluck .....Suppe.
Gd. Fantasia ...Erin.....Basquit.
Valse.....Love Me.....Coward.
Selection .....Mountebanks.....Oelier.
Polka.....Tout a La Joie.....Fahrback.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

A LIBERAL DONATION.—Mr. Jehangirji J. Guzdar, brother of Mr. N. J. Guzdar, (Proprietor, Great Western Hotel and one of the Trustees of Sir C. J. Readymoney Gandevi High School), has contributed Rs. 200 to the School Fund, in honour of his auspicious marriages which took place at Bombay on the 17th inst. The day was observed as a holiday in the school, and sweets to the worth of Rs. 50 were distributed among the boys. In addition to this, his brother Mr. Jal Framji gave Rs. 100 for the buying of books for the School Library, as well as Rs. 30 to the school cricket, and Rs. 20 for sweets.

DEATH OF AN UNDER-TRIAL PRISONER.—Mr. P. Byrne, the coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at the Maratha Hospital, regarding the death of Mansukhlal Narotum, aged twenty-five years, an undertrial prisoner in the Byculla jail. The deceased was admitted into the jail on the 25th October last and had been awaiting his trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court on a charge of murdering a woman by branding her with a heated iron ladle. On the 3rd December he was admitted into the Jail Hospital, whence he was three days after transferred to the Maratha Hospital, suffering from relapsing fever. He died on Wednesday. A verdict of death from relapsing fever was returned by the jury.

ALLEGATION AGAINST AN ABKARI INSPECTOR.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Third Presidency Magistrate, Bomanjee Arderjee Parekh, an inspector in the Abkari Department, was charged by Mahadew Shivajee with using abusive language and criminal intimidation. Mr. Dunlop appeared for the complainant, Mr. Vellaker for the accused, and Mr. Khalil, bar-at-law, watched the case on behalf of complainant's employer. Complainant stated he was manager of a liquor shop, owned by Damodhur Sudkaji, and on the 5th instant his master sent an application to the Collector of Abkari, for sanction of the appointment of complainant as manager of his shop. On the 7th instant accused came and ordered him to close the shop. Complainant requested that the order be repeated in his master's presence, and then accused used abusive language and brought a police sepoy, threatening to throw witness out of the shop. The further hearing of the case was remanded.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.—Among others who were unavoidably prevented from attending H. E. the Governor's Levee on Wednesday, were Mr. S. D. Wajekhar, Raja Bahadur Musadivir Jung of Hyderabad, Mr W R Hamilton, Captain W S Goodridge, R N, Captain W Chandler, R I N, Mr R Watson, Major A Milne, I M S, Mr E M Slater, Mr L G Fraser, Mr G H McCausland, Mr W G Greene, Mr A King, Mr Binning, Mr Mandlik, Mr Bomanjee Dinshaw Pedit, Mr V Damodhar Thackersey, Mr H Monie, Dr F E Davar, Mr J C d'Aguiar, Mr Bomanji K Bhandupwalla, Mr Arthur A Booker, Dr A H Deane, Mr J Lamb, Mr Cumrudin Essabhoy Ebrahim, Mr H M Masina, F R C S, Mr Abdoolcader A Ebrahim, Mr Edgar Faulkner, Mr Jamsetjee N Tata, Mr Richard Baker, Dr C H Cayley, Captain H R F Anderson, A C G, Lieutenant-Colonel J Parker, I M S, Mr R A Arnold Jenkins, Mr C E Medonold, Major L F Childe, I M S, Rev B Scott, Mr J Stuart Milne, Venerable Rev F N Hill, M A, Mr Rivers G Currie, Mr Wm Llewell

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The Drawing will take place on Christmas Eve, in presence of representatives of the Local Press. Subscriptions must reach us not later than Thursday, the 20th December, 1900. The above conditions hold good if we will have at least 3,000 subscribers or more by the aforesaid time. Should we, however, happen to have less, we shall take off one rupee from each subscriber and devote it to the fund, i. e., if we will get only 2,000 subscribers, the Prizes will amount to Rs. 2,000, and so on.

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THE barque Grosvenor, 576 tons, Captain C W Brebner, cleared yesterday for Mauritius with a general cargo.

THE steamer Castleventry, 1,915 tons, Captain C H Laing, sailed yesterday for Fleetwood, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Rasmora, 2,162 tons, Captain A McLannan, cleared yesterday for Calcutta in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Chindwara, 1,502 tons, Captain G Shepherd, sailed yesterday for the Persian Gulf with a general cargo.

THE City Line s s City of Lucknow, 2,370 tons, Captain D Morrison, arrived in harbour on Wednesday evening from Karachi, 17th December, with a general cargo.

THE B and P S N Co's steamer Naseri, 912 tons, Captain J E Davison, arrived in harbour yesterday from Persian Gulf, with a general cargo, 109 cases opium, 168 horses, and 72 deck passengers.

THE Hall Line s s Methley Hall, 2,235 tons, Captain A Buck, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool, 22nd November, with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Killick Nixon and Co.

THE German East Africa Line s s Safari, 1,432 tons, Captain J Abrens, arrived in harbour yesterday from Zanzibar, 2nd December, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr S Basch, Mr B A Fonseca, Mrs K Pallo and 162 deck.

THE Austrian Lloyd's steamer Franz Ferdinand, Captain A Martinolich, arrived in harbour from Trieste, via Karachi, with the following passengers:—General, Mrs and Miss Lovett, Miss L R Baillie, Mr and Mrs Tiemann, child and infant, Colonel and Mrs Duperier Miss A Edeley, Mr and Mrs L Schmidt, Miss K Wright, Mrs A Wade, Dr and Mrs Franke, Mr and Mrs Miller, Rev Macnamara and Radcliffe, Sisters Martha and Evangliste, Mrs Tarrent, Mr W Eckardt, Mr Holland, Mr A Hirsch, Mr J-K Orphanides, Mr P C Calvocaressi, Mrs C Janni and child, Major and Mrs Belli-Beavor, Miss Walters, Mrs Gleanie and 2 children, Mr and Mrs P Selby Miss N C Saunders, and Mr MacKerrow.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DECEMBER 20

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
Tenasserim		Greet			Receiving Hulk
Magdala		Greet			Turret-ship
Abyssinia		Greet	Wet Basin		Turret-ship
Plassy					Torpedo Catcher
Assaye		Coates			Torpedo Catcher
Sphinx		Phillips			Royal Navy
Tientsin	2555	Daniel		5-12	P & O Co
Pekin	2322	Hayward			P & O Co
Forerio	2391	White			M M & Co
Culna	1464	Hill			M M & Co
Barawa	234	Jaffer			M M & Co
Massilia	2403	Lyon			P & O Co
Khasdalla	1318	Metcalfe			M M & Co
Hermod	830	Olsen			Bombay Co
Dragoman	2215	Waters			M M & Co
Sirdar	2494	Rawlings			Bombay & Co
Nurani	2870	Sandilands			J M & Co
Simla	1040	Bamber	P Gulf		M M & Co
Comeric	2593	Kennedy			T Morrison and Co
Assyria	969	Maclean			M M & Co
Loch Tay	3416	Stephen			M M & Co
Ballaarat	2869	Field			P & O Co
Unity	929	Hansen			Bombay Co
Nawab	2041	Crebbin			T Morrison & Co
Baron Fairlie	2323	Wisnom			M M & Co
Safari	1432	Ahrens			S Strandes
Naseri	911	Davison			B & P S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 20.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Dido	3127	Pickering			F Muir & Co
B	Trieste	2204	Mills	Trieste	23-12	A L S N Co
E	Virawa	2158	Dougall	Zanzibar	22-12	M M & Co
F	Gloamino	2248	Learmouth	Antwerp	22-12	W & A G Co
K	L Bridge	1931	Chivees	Madras	24-12	K N & Co
L	Taher	1888	Coates	Calcutta	22-12	H C Jeosub
N	Umballa	3126	Campbell			M M & Co
O	Sefos	1234	Carstens	Zanzibar	21-12	A Strandes
P	Bithynie	3165	Boulle	Genoa	27-12	K Nixon & Co
Q	Adelina Patti	1989	Sinclair	Marseilles	4-1	M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Mahanadi	54	Badroo	G Port	20-12	Sheprd & Co
Indravati	513	Adum	Karachi	22-12	Do
Ponani	532	Fakeer	Bhownagar	22-12	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
3	Nubia	2319	Knox	Liverpool	26-12	W & A G & Co
4	Gallia	2260	Costa	Marseilles		W & A G & Co
5	Methley Hall	2235	Karachi			K Nixon & Co
6	Coromandel	2783	Vibert	China	1-1	P & O S N Co
8	Ferdinand	3800	Miles	Calcutta	22-12	A L S N Co
9	Bunea	994	Babat	China	22-12	P & O S N Co
12	Caledonia	3529	Gordon	Aden	22-12	P and O S N Co
14	Dumrah	762	Russell	Karachi	22-12	M M & Co
15	Ulysses	3734	Morrison	Liverpool	7-12	P & O Co
16	Booldana	2890	McNeillo	Repairing		M M & Co

MERKWETHER DRY DOCK.

Fultala	2612	Cave	Somaliland	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
19	City of Lucknow s	Morrison	Karachi Dec 17,
20	Safari s	Abrens	Zanzibar Dec 2
	Methley Hall s	Buck	Liverpool Nov 22.
	Naseri s	Davison	Persian Gulf.
	Franz Ferdinand s	Martinolich	Trieste via Karachi
	Racoon s	Grant	Muscat Dec 15,

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
20	Simla s	Bamber	Persian Gulf.
	Annam s	Poydenot	Marsellies.
	Castleventry s	Laing	Fleetwood.
	Chindwara s	Shepherd	Persian Gulf.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Rasmora, McLennan for Calcutta.
Barque Grosvenor, Brebner for Mauritius.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Safari for Zanzibar etc.
" Naseri for Persian Gulf.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. POLLEN, COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 21st December.

1. There will be no Commanding Officers parade this week.
2. The Head-Quarters office will be closed, except for urgent work from the 24th December 1900, to 1st January 1901, both days inclusive, on account of Christmas Holidays.
3. The range at Coorla will be open for Class Firing as well as practice during the Christmas Holidays (25th December 1900 and 1st January 1901 excepted) and the Commanding Officer trusts that as many as possibly can will do their Class Firing during these Holidays.
4. Particulars of the Prizes offered by the Commanding Officer for Class-Firing and attendance at parades for the Adult and Cadet Companies are with Officers Commanding Companies and can be seen at Head-quarters.
5. The following member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to "D" Company:—No 1396 Volunteer R S Hussey.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 21st December.

1. There will be no parade on Saturday 22nd instant.
2. The following member having resigned is struck off the strength of the Corps from this date—Reservis H R Hoyles.
3. The following promotion and appointment have been approved by the Bombay Government and forwarded to the Government of India for publication in the "Gazette of India."

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Bombay Castle, 15th December.

Second Lieutenant C Cory Kernick to be Lieutenant to complete the establishment.

Edwin Yeo Gentleman to be Second Lieutenant vice Kernick promoted.

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4. The following member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from the 15th instant and posted to No. [illegible] sub-division No 3 Company—No 793 Gunner T L Clarke.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Captain, R. A.
Adjutant, B. V. A.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 19th December, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah.	inches	29·94
Temperature of the Air	degrees	78·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer		70·5
Dew Point		66·1
Relative humidity of Air		0·639
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)		4·8
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees	83·9
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)		72·5
General Directions of wind*	N, NE, NW, NNW, N,	
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*	miles	245

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

McDONALD.—December 15, at Dera Ghazi Khan the wife of Mr D McDonald of a son.

McILHINNY.—December 16, at 98, Dilkusha, Lucknow, the wife of Captain W J McIlhinny, Royal Engineers, of a son.

SCOTT.—December 1, at Lahore, the wife of W H Scott Assistant Examiner of Accounts, P W D, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SWAIN-FOX.—December 11, at Bhojpore House, Doomraon, Walter Swain Bengal Police, to Amalie Mathilde daughter of Charles Fox, Manager Doomraon Raj.

LLEWELLIN—McLEECE.—December 11, at St Mark's Church, Bangalore, by the Rev W G Barry, Robert Sidney Llewellin, Engineer, to Elizabeth Anne, widow of John McLeece, late of Madras and only daughter of the late William Langham of Blaken Hall, Lutterworth Leicestershire.

DEATHS.

BIGGS.—December 11, at Ajmere, Rajputana, from an accident, Amy Margot Hesketh, the dearly loved twin daughter of the Revd and Mrs Hesketh Biggs aged six years.

PAUL.—December 12, at Quetta, of dysentary, Charles Alexander Robert, aged 3 months and 12 days, son of Captain and Mrs Paul, 24th (Baluchistan) Bombay Infantry

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1900.

THE gradual ousting of English and Indian merchandise from Persia by Russia has been again brought to the attention of the Association of Chambers of Commerce. Lieutenant-Colonel Temple who relinquishes the post of her Majesty's Consul-General at Meshed, apparently regards it as his bounden duty to make one last attempt to stir up public feeling in the hope that we may not only regain lost ground but to some extent displace Russian trade. As Consul-General he says, in his communication to the Chambers, he is most anxious not only to introduce more English goods into Persia, but to pave the way for the speedy construction of a railway from Quetta to Seistan. The idea has been already very freely discussed, though nothing has yet been done towards carrying it out. But the desirability of endeavouring to secure the trade of Southern Persia—now that we have irretrievably lost that of the north—will surely commend itself to the serious attention of the commercial senate. The greater the facilities for the introduction of Anglo-Indian goods through British territory, writes Colonel Temple, the further north will English goods penetrate. At present English merchandise, which is universally more appreciated in Persia than Russian, finds it hard to compete in the northern markets of Teheran and Meshed on account of the difficulty of transport from the ports of Bushire and Bunder Abbas in Southern Persia. The Persian demand is for all sorts and kinds of articles which will pander to their taste for Oriental luxury, besides many articles which may be classed as belonging purely to civilised life. As a development to the extension of our trade in Persia, and as a result of the making of a railway from Quetta to the Persian border, Colonel Temple hopes to see an annual fair established at Quetta, where the Persian trader could bring his exports for sale, and where he would have a chance of seeing for himself the representatives of the English firms, and of exchanging his exports with manufactured articles from England. The Consul-General further asks English merchants to furnish him, through agents in Bombay or Karachi with samples, particulars and prices. And he quotes Lord Curzon's book on Persia, wherein he laments that delegates from chambers of commerce, commercial travellers, or trained middlemen, seem rarely, if ever, to include Persia within their sphere of activity, and yet there is no country where a more watchful and instructed scrutiny is required to keep pace with the capricious movements of local fashion. It is satisfactory to know that Colonel Temple has not contented himself with a mere expression of his views, but has carried out works which will enable merchants to avail themselves of his proffered assistance without delay. The railway will most effectually tend to put British and Anglo-Indian merchandise on a par with the bounty-fed produce of Russia. Meantime, however, the next best means have been adopted in the construction of a new and easy road from Quetta to the Persian border—in Seistan, the only spot where the borders of India and Persia meet. Nearly half the distance of this route, as Colonel Temple points out, is within British territory and once Seistan is reached, easy roads might distribute merchandise throughout the country.

The road to which reference is made is the Quetta-Nushki-Seistan Trade route, which has just been completed, Captain Webb Ware, the Political Agent, has issued a timely accompaniment to Colonel Temple's communication, in the shape of a notice to pilgrims, travellers and tradesmen. They are informed that the Quetta-Nushki-Seistan route is now complete in every detail. To obviate the inconveniences caused to travellers and to trade between India and Persia by the Bundar Abbas route, the Government of India, in the end of 1896, determined to construct a road between Quetta and Seistan, through Nushki, which would pass through a portion of country far away from Afghanistan. This is the road which has now been constructed. Wells have been sunk at reasonable distances from each other, on both sides of the road, thanas, caravanserais and shops have been built at every stage, and a metalled road has been laid down from Nushki to the frontier of Persia. Arrangement has been made for fodder for horses and other animals; a telegraph office has been opened at Nushki and, by agreement with H. H. the Khan of Kelat, Nushki territory has come under the administration of the British Government. A regular post has been established between Quetta and Seistan twice a week and arrangements for remitting money to Meshed have been made with the manager of the Punjab Banking Company, Quetta. Six dak bungalows, or staging houses, have been built on the route and a British Consul has been appointed in Seistan. Sindhi and Baluchi traders have not been slow to avail themselves of these advantages and already a considerable trade has been built up. Merchants began to trade before the road was completed, and from a beginning in 1896-97 of Rs. 63,883 the value of merchandise rose in 1899-00 to Rs. 12,35,411. The Bunder Abbas route to Meshed is only 966 miles as compared with 1,011 from Quetta, yet while the former runs through the whole of Persia the latter comes little more than half-way. Food-stuffs are cheaper on the Quetta Road and while along that from Bunder Abbas the danger to life and property is increasing, the aborigines on the Quetta route caused no trouble either to the authorities or to caravans. There is abundant water, grass and fodder for camels besides accommodation and supplies for traders. The road has been shortened by thirty-four miles and its ups and downs have been cut out. Moreover the road runs far below the sandy plains and all the objections which traders raised against the old route have been removed.

At present out of three thousand camel-loads of merchandise which reach Seistan only five hundred are from Quetta, the remainder being from Bunder Abbas, and in order to oust British trade Russian merchandise is sold more cheaply in Seistan than it is at towns nearer the Russian frontier. If a railway were constructed to Seistan, an extension to Meshed might follow. The proposal has been discussed from its commercial as well as its political aspect. The former only concerns us at the moment, and it will be remembered that Lord Curzon in his monumental work on Persia analysed the present situation, and endeavoured to some extent to forecast the future of foreign trade with Khorasan, indicating such steps as he thought might with advantage be taken by the British Government, in order to retain and develope that share of the business which they naturally possess, and to prevent the ultimate loss of the remainder. Lord Curzon saw no reason why not only should the existing route be improved, but a new one opened up from the British possessions in Beluchistan to the Persian border, avoiding Afghan territory. This we may claim as having been done actually in the way Captain Webb Ware describes. As we have said there is a political side and the Viceroy (then Mr. Curzon) writes:—"Russia would like to get hold of Seistan herself, in order to prevent Seistan from being got hold of by Great Britain; and because, in that event, not only would their ambitions and far-reaching schemes be frustrated, but England would be in a position very seriously to menace the Asiatic status of her rival. An acute commercial warfare is now being waged between Russian and Anglo-Indian merchandise in Khorasan. The advantage which she derives, and will continue to derive, in increasing degree from the Transcaspian Railway enables Russia to flood the market of North-Eastern Persia with her manufactures and to undersell her sole competitor, viz., British India, in the bazaars of Meshed. Lord Curzon pointed out clearly that a critical epoch had been reached and that without some help, in the shape of increased facilities of transport or shorter and cheaper trade routes, Anglo-Indian commerce must in the long run be vanquished. The one means by which India could compete on nearly even terms with her rival would be by adopting the same tactics—by pushing forward a railway on the south to match the Transcaspian Railway on the north, by conveying the manufactures of Bombay as are conveyed the manufactures of Moscow, not solely on mule-back and camel-back over vast distances at crushing expense, but by the potent auxiliary agency of steam. Such a railway starting from India must point, as its first objective, to Seistan. This is the line which Colonel Temple now advocates, the commercial importance of which, as Lord Curzon remarked, cannot be denied, as bringing India into closer connection with the bazaars of Khorasan. Not less obvious, however, would be the strategical advantage, as enabling England to occupy a flanking position in defence of that Afghan territory which she has undertaken to safeguard, and as preventing those developments of the Muscovite earth-hunger which might be fraught with peril to the harmonious relations between the two Empires." This and other schemes have been submitted to the Government of India. But Government refused to sanction the construction of the preliminary section on the grounds of the expense involved, that for a time it might require to be guarded, that it would be open to a flank attack from the north, and that there would be no immediate commercial return. Experience in connection with the new route disposes of some of the objections. Now that Lord Curzon is Viceroy, and one of his pet schemes has received independent consular support, we may find it again brought up for consideration.

THE speech made by Sir Power Palmer at the Bengal-Punjab Rifle Meeting is important as showing the appreciation in high quarters of the lessons of South Africa. A large portion of the Commander-in-Chief's address was devoted to emphasising the need for increased attention to rifle fire and especially to its effectiveness at long ranges. Although we have had the Lee-Metford for several years and although as his Excellency observed long range volleys have when tried shown us, or should have shown us, that no battery of artillery or, in fact, any formed body can hope to live at 1,200 yards, we have waited for the experience of the Boer War to awaken us to the power of the rifle. We have hitherto been content in courses and competitions to devote our attention to medium range practice, but Sir Power Palmer expressed the hope that in future contests at rifle meetings some prizes would be allotted for shooting at extreme ranges. He anticipates that after being considered in the light of recent events field and musketry training will undergo many alterations. One of the changes adopted will, no doubt, be in the use of magazine fire, not only as a man-killing agent but in deceiving the enemy as to the strength of a party holding a position. In India, said the Commander-in-Chief, we have endeavoured to show that we are alive to the necessity of more intelligent musketry training by introducing special practical courses of the ranges for some British and Native troops, and he expressed himself pleased that in some regiments company officers had been given a free hand in these practices. The new Musketry Regulations for the Native Army, which will shortly be issued, provide for field practices under a practical and interesting system. It is expected that the cavalry will soon be armed with the new short rifle sighted up to 2,000 yards. It is also easily possible for the weapon to be sighted to 2,900 yards. The cavalry's want of a long range fire-arm, his Excellency considered, might explain much that had happened in South Africa, to patrols and reconnoitring parties who could be held in check by the enemy at a mile-and-a-half, while they could only reply at a distance of less than half a mile. Regarding the volunteers he hoped that as soon as the field army has been re-armed they would be equipped with the '303 rifle. His desire to find out whether the Volunteer Mounted Corps wished to be converted into Mounted Infantry seems to have been misunderstood, and Sir Power explained that he did not desire to recommend changes where they were not wanted by the volunteers, but thought it right to allow them to express their views in case they had caught an attack of the Mounted Infantry mania. He intimated, however, that whether the Mounted Volunteer Corps elect to call themselves Light Horse or Mounted Rifles they will, when armed with the new short rifle, have to learn like the regulars to develop its power. The Commander-in-Chief, touching upon the value of entrenchments in war, laid stress upon their value in the attack as well as in the defence. On this point he expressed the opinion that Cronje's surrender at Paardeberg was considerably hastened when he found that during the night our troops had thrown up entrenchments so close to him that next day they would have been into him with the bayonet. He hoped that when night operations are practised later in the drill season entrenchments will be used in the attack as well as on the defensive and in the rear guard actions.

MORE foreign duplicity! Where will it end? France has shot down a hundred tons of coal at Muscat. Russia has thrown over-board tons of furnace-rakings in the Gulf. Germany has left a bundle of fire-wood and two marines in the Red Sea and now we hear that Germany has secured a pearl fishing contract in the Persian Gulf! Germany, our friend, with whom we made an agreement full of rounded sentences and polished periods in regard to China! Oh, the inefficacy of them! When the officers of the British war-vessels went ashore in the mouth of the Yang-tze and made themselves temporary golf-links, they put down empty jam-tins in the greens. The Chinese military authorities saw through the manœuvre. The British were laying mines. The Chinese general had them carefully dug up and removed. The dropping of ashes from the Giljak in the Gulf by the Russians and the French, meant the seizure of territory and the expulsion of Great Britain from those waters. So we were told. What is the esoteric significance of this pearl-fishing undertaking? Pearls? Well, men of ordinary understanding will say "yes." But those possessed of the faculty of seeing further through a stone wall than others will say "No, aggression and conquest." Are not the pearls of Ceylon whiter and more valuable than those of Bahrein? Yes, but if Englishmen can lay mines ashore in jam-tins cannot the divers, ostensibly after pearls, lay sufficient mines in the Gulf to blow up the Highflyer which goes there next month, the Pigeon, the Cossack, the Redbreast and the Lawrence?

DURING the past week there has been a sharp rise in the mortality of Bombay City, the total number of deaths being 898, which is equal to an annual death-rate of 54·67. These figures are lower than the quinquennial average, while for the same week in 1899 the total deaths amounted to 1,377 and the death-rate was 83·71. Plague has increased slightly, the disease has made progress in Mandvie, Khara Talao and Byculla, these three districts being responsible for 33 out of 102 deaths. The pestilence is, however, not so bad as last year, when at this period plague claimed 248 victims. There is a great deal of fever about, but it was not of so malignant a type as prevailed in the previous year. The deaths attributable to diseases of the lungs amount to 297, and as the privations consequent on famine have passed away, it is but natural to find that the fatal cases of diarrhœa and dysentery are considerably less this year. The lull in the number of violent deaths last week has passed away, the fatalities during the week totalling at 26. There were 251 births, the quinquennial figures being 263.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable the Governor of Bombay has accepted the resignation of the Honourable Mr. A. F. Woodburn, Barrister-at-Law, I.C.S., of his office as an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

THE Bank of Bombay has yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 7 per cent.

AT to-day's meeting of the Viceroy's Legislative Council the Bill dealing with forest fires will be introduced. The Select Committees on the Assam Labour Bill and the Mines Bill will be reconstituted.

H. M. S. RACOON, Captain A. E. A. Grant, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon from Muscat, which port she left on the 15th instant.

THE balloting at the Bombay Chamber of Commerce yesterday, for Deputy Chairman of the Chamber for the ensuing year, resulted in the election of Mr. C. H. Armstrong, of the firm of Messrs. Lyon and Company.

MR. F. C. GRIFFITH has been confirmed as third grade Assistant Superintendent of Police.

MR. E. LAWRENCE, I.C.S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

MR. B. GILES, C.I.E., has been permited to return to duty within the period of his leave.

THE Ven. Archdeacon W. E. Scott on return from furlough assumes the Chaplaincy of Kirkee.

REV. H. A. C. Herbert, Chaplain of Hyderabad, (Sind), has been appointed Joint Chaplain of Karachi.

MR. S. REBSCH, M.I.C.E., has been appointed chairman of the City Improvement Trust, vice Mr. W. C. Hughes.

REV. HAROLD FOOTE acts as Chaplain of Steamer Point, Aden, from the date of his relief by Archdeacon Scott.

LIEUTENANT C. H. STEGAND, 1st R. W. Kent Regiment, passed an examination in Somali on the 24th November.

MR. O. ROTHFIELD, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Panch Mahals, has been appointed a second class Magistrate.

MR. J. A. GUIDER, on relief by Mr. Greenaway becomes Assistant Superintendent of Police, in the Poona District.

MR. T. J. B. THATCHER, Fifth Grade District Superintendent of Police, has been permitted to return to duty within the period of his leave.

MR. BASIL SCOTT, B.A. (Oxon), has been appointed to act as Advocate General during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Basil Lang.

MR. O. C. G. HAYTER, on relief by Mr. E. F. Green, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Shikarpur District.

MR. J. B. JENKINS, on Mr. Guider joining at Poona, acts under the orders of the Ahmednagar District Police Superintendent.

SIR EDWARD BUCK, who is spending the cold weather in India, has had a severe attack of quinsey and has been obliged to go to hospital in Calcutta.

MR. E. MACONOCHIE, I.C.S., has been appointed assistant to the Collector of Surat from or after the 2nd January next.

MR. W. C. HUGHES, C.I.E., F.K.C., M.I.C.E., on return to duty becomes chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, vice Mr. C. T. Burke, R.E., M.I.C.E.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.

"A southerly fair and a cloudy sky
"Proclaims it a hunting morning,
"We'll mount our steeds and away we'll fly
"Sleep and a downy bed scorning"

sang the sporting bard. And although in Bombay at this season of the year it is not easy to scorn sleep and a downy or even a spring-mattressy bed at 4-30 a.m., when we are awakened in the last watch of the night by the drawling voice of a somnolent boy, saying "Sahib, Sahib," yet once fairly awake we realize that the joys of the chase will soon banish all remembrance of the joys of the downy bed and we skip into our boots and after a perfunctory "chota hazri" make for the early morning train. A fair average field were gathered together yesterday at the Rifle Butts and ere long the Master moved off in the direction of the cover lying this side of Wankola.

The hounds were as keen as ever and before we were fairly warm in our saddles we were greeted with joyful music, which told us that a belated jack who had stayed out too late at night had been found.

Away he went left-handed, heading for the happy hunting ground of Chuckla, into which he plunged and through which he took us as though he were playing a game of follow my leader, for he twisted and turned over Sahar hill skirting Bomonwadi and on into the wooded country beyond. However his wiliness was of no avail. Every turn was closely followed by our more than excellent pack and at last he made for the cross road evidently bent on reaching the hills. We all streamed merrily after him up the lane near Marole and on into the valley beyond, where after a clinking gallop his earthly career was ended amid the whoo-boops of the huntsman and the joyful baying of the hounds.

The pack this year though by no means as beautiful as last year's batch are a thoroughly good all round lot. Handsome is as handsome does and Stacey and the Master are to be congratulated on their judicious selection and the careful way in which the pack has been nursed in England.

Happy is the ambitious youth who can run to a crock that can gallop for with this and a spare neck in his pocket he can behind these hounds see some of the finest sport to be had in India.

Those who have once followed this pack will feel inclined to say with the lyrical and sporting medico "You will shortly be dead if you don't go a hunting to-day," and will ensure a long, happy and healthy life by turning out to meet the Master whenever they can get the chance.

JORROCKS.

GAME DESTRUCTION IN MYSORE.

Now that the Viceroy's visit to the Mysore jungles in search of shikar has, in spite of every effort made by the officials to show sport, proved a failure with the exception of one stag-sambhur, writes a correspondent, I hope that the earnest attention of the Mysore Government may be directed to the very serious destruction of wild animals that goes on all the year round in every district of the Province. The license to carry a gun is four annas per annum. The result—every living thing that roams wild in the jungles is harried, morning, noon and night. Bison, bulls and cows; sambhur, stags and does; spotted deer; antelope on the plains, jungle sheep, peafowl, and everything else that can be eaten, or the skins or horns of which can be sold for a few annas, are shot at indiscriminately. Often they are killed, but still more often they are left to die or recover of their wounds, for the guns in use are generally of a very antiquated pattern, and the powder used is frequently "home-made," the result being that anything shot at is seldom killed outright. Such is the destruction of wild animals. The fish in the rivers fare no better. Every year, during the hot weather wandering gangs of fishermen with nets, scour all the rivers to their very source, and what few fish escape these men are poisoned and killed by those who live in the vicinity, when rivers are so low that the pools and rapids may be easily manipulated. The Mysore Province has long and rightly borne the proud title of the Model State, but this indiscriminate slaughter of wild animals and fish is a serious blot on an otherwise splendid administration. The Planting Associations have frequently represented the matter to the Mysore Government, and have, as frequently, been told that the matter will receive due consideration. Still nothing has been done, although many years ago an exceedingly good Bill for the protection of wild animals was drawn up by some good sportsmen in the Mysore Government, which had the entire approval of all lovers of wild animals residing in the Province. Meantime, wild animals of all sorts are growing more and more scarce, and unless the Government take immediate action, many of the beautiful fauna of the Province will become extinct. If the Mysore Government would raise the gun license to Rs. 10 or Rs. 20 per cent. per annum and make it illegal to shoot the females of bison, sambhur, spotted deer, antelope, and any other animals that are not dangerous to the community, this wanton destruction would quickly cease, and as regards the fish, if poisoning was forbidden, and nets with a mesh of over three inches only were allowed, the rivers would not be so denuded as they are now.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

A PRELIMINARY Board of Survey, composed of Captain F. L. VINCENT, Officiating D.A.A.G., Bombay District, and Lieut-Colonel C.B. Maitland assembled at the Prince's Dock Jetty shed at 10 a. m., yesterday, to report on the steamers Umballa and Fultala, chartered for the conveyance of troops and stores to Somaliland. The following Medical Officers and details are attached to Sections C and D of No. 46 Native Field Hospital under orders for East Africa:—Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Maitland, I. M. S., in charge. Senior Hospital Assistant Bhuraya Jullaya; Ward Orderlies—Private Manechand Singh, Private Kallu Singh and Private Sirawan Singh, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers.

THE Bengal-Nagpur Railway Company have been asked to construct their new line from Midnapore to Jheria Coalfields as quickly as possible.

MR. F. ST. C. FARRAN, Assistant Engineer, third grade, has been granted furlough for one year on medical certificate from the 5th instant.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

ACTION WITH CLEMENTS IMMINENT.

LONDON, DEC. 20.

Lord Kitchener so far is silent regarding the invasion of Cape Colony.

A portion of General Knox's force has abandoned the pursuit of De Wet for the purpose of dealing with the new situation caused by the invasion of Cape Colony.

Delarey's force is near Clements' camp, and fighting is believed to be imminent there.

A revised list of the casualties at Nooitgedacht gives ten non-commissioned officers and men killed and 68 wounded besides 44 missing.

MORE BOER PRISONERS FOR CEYLON.

The s. s. Catalonia has sailed from Durban for Colombo with 642 Boer prisoners.

MR. KRUGER'S MOVEMENTS.

Mr. Kruger has arrived at Amsterdam.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

THE NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, DEC. 20.

The position of the negotiations in China is extraordinarily confused. It is surmised that it is owing to the mistranslation of cipher messages mainly regarding the retention of the expression "irrevocable decision" in the preamble of the Joint Note.

It is stated that Great Britain, after originally opposing, finally assented to the retention, believing America desired this, whereas the contrary was the case.

The Ministers at Peking have agreed to the joint Note, including the British modifications.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

LONDON, DEC. 20.

Lord Hopetoun has asked Mr. Lyne, the Premier of New South Wales, to form a Federal Ministry. Mr. Lyne is considering the matter.

LATER.

A "Times'" telegram from Melbourne says that Lord Hopetoun's selection of Mr. Lyne to form a Federal Ministry has surprised and disappointed the Federalists as Mr. Lyne is an opponent of Federation.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, DEC. 20.

The P. & O Company's steamer Persia with the homeward mails of the 15th instant, arrived here at 7 a.m.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 20.

Sir Power Palmer and Staff arrived here to-day.

THE KAISER-I-HIND MEDALS.

It is understood that the reason of the Kaisar-i-Hind Medals not having yet reached their recipients is that the Viceroy proposes to distribute them himself at the coming investiture here.

THE FAMINE COMMISSION.

It is understood that the principle upon which the Famine Commission has been constituted is the selection of a small body of experts on the subject, but unconnected with the provinces whose administration will be more immediately under examination in the present inquiry. Hence to a large extent the Commission has been recruited from the North-West Provinces, Bengal and Madras, all of which have suffered from famine in the recent years, though they have largely escaped the last visitation. This does not apply to the Diwan of Jaipur, whose experience and knowledge will be most valuable, while his joining the Commission will not be open to the same objection since famine administration of Native States will not be directly under examination except in its relation to the problem in the adjoining British districts. Thus the difficulty will be avoided which would have arisen had Bombay or the Central Provinces representatives, for example, bee selected who would have had to sit in judgment upon famine administration of theiro wn provinces.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 19.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.
Surats quiet.
Good Bhownugger 4 12-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	97 5-16
3 per cent. Rentes	101 ex.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	108
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	64 1-4
Bar Silver	29 5-8

DEATH OF RAO SAHEB SITARAM KHANDERAO.

RAO SAHEB SITARAM KHANDERAO VAIDYA, of Messrs. Sitaram and Mirza, carrying on the business of architects in Bombay, died on the 18th instant. He was born in 1844 at Alibag and came of humble though respectable parentage. He was educated at Karachi by his cousin, the late Rao Saheb Narayan Jagannath Vaidya, a University man. He began work at the early age of sixteen and his taste for architecture did not fail to attract the attention of his immediate superiors, Mr. Hunt and the late accomplished architect, Mr. F. W. Stevens. When transferred to the Bombay P. W.D. his architectural and engineering knowledge got excellent practice under Mr. Stevens, to whom he rendered valuable service in the construction of the Royal Alfred Sailors' Home, the G. I. P. Railway Administrative Offices and the Bombay Municipal Offices and lastly the B. B. and C. I. Railway Offices, of which he was the resident engineer. Government recognised his valuable services by conferring on him the title of Rao Saheb in the year 1888. In the year 1891 he was elected a member of the Society of Architects of London. In July, 1898, he severed his connection with the late Mr. F. W. Stevens in hopes of exhibiting to the Bombay public his capabilities in the design and erection of the large hotel on which he was at work but had to leave incomplete. This hotel, known as Mr. Tata's Hotel, will no doubt be the largest building in Bombay. The designs and all the details of this building Mr. Sitaram had completed each and every moulding and its minutest details will, though formed by other hands, owe their existence to this clever native architect. It was in July, 1898, that he started in business on his own account in the firm of Messrs. Sitaram and Mirza which flourished, mainly owing to his exertions and exceptional abilities as an architect.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOOKS.

MESSRS. BLACKIE AND SONS as usual have catered well for the youthful public who look to Christmas for a new lot of good story-books. That veteran G. A. Henty has added again to the list that makes him prime favourite with big boys. Captain F. S. Brereton, Gordon Stables, Meredith, Fletcher, Walter P. Wright, Rosa Mulholland, Jane H. Speltigue, and many other writers who make holidays delightful for boys and girls, have issued new books for 1900-1901. For the smaller fry there are jolly picture books of every sort with verses or simple stories. Among the best of the books are the following :—

"WITH BULLER IN NATAL," by G. A. Henty.—A heroic story of the Relief of Ladysmith. It is a powerful tale with reality and romance combined in such a manner that both gain in interest. The hero, Chris King, is the son of a British subject who had lived for ten years in Johannesburg, and when the war cloud is just about to burst, Chris is sent in charge of his mother to Pietermaritzburg. He then leads a band of his friends, under the title of the Maritsburg Scouts; they are attached to a colonial cavalry regiment, and the brave and daring doings of this band in every important action from the battle of Glencoe to the rescue of Sir George White, form the exciting themes of the book. Chris has an adventure of his own that adds not a little to the interest of the story. The boy scouts surpass themselves in pluck and skill and Chris proves himself born to be a veritable leader of men by the dash and ingenuity with which he manœuvres his band of boys. He follows his parents to England before the war is over.

Captain Brereton has given us in his book, "WITH RIFLE AND BAYONET," a stirring story of the present Boer War. His hero, Jack Somerton, is a thorough good fellow, a gentleman and a true soldier, and one's sympathies are always with him in his adventurous life in South Africa at these critical times. The account of the battle of Glencoe, such recent history, is indeed most exciting, ending up with Jack's rescue of his friend, due to his own wonderfully accurate shooting—beating the Boers at their own game. While making his dash for Kimberley, Jack proves a rescuer a second time—but on this occasion the girl heroine, Eileen Russell, owes her life to his pluck and daring. It would take too long to follow Jack, when as a despatch rider, he passes through many perilous adventures, hair-breadth escapes, attacks by lions, encounters with the Boers, and is finally landed a prisoner at Pretoria. From this unhappy predicament he and his friend cleverly devise a means of escape, and our hero like many another gallant soldier "lives to fight another day." Suffice it to say that, under the guise of fiction, Captain Brereton gives a most interesting and accurate account of the doings of the British Army in South Africa, and as one reads his glowing story of the war, fresh from the pen of one now actually on active service at the front, one's heart goes out to these brave men, still engaged in a harassing struggle for Law and Liberty—true "Soldiers of the Queen."

"AN OCEAN ADVENTURER."—To any boy who wishes to be thrilled through and through by most wildly exciting adventures on sea and land we would commend Walter P. Wright's latest book "AN OCEAN ADVENTURER." It opens with a mystery, a secret to be discovered, a buried city to be unearthed, a treasure to be found. To solve the mystery, to discover the Hidden City, to carry off the treasure, proves a perilous task to Frank Pingle, handicapped as he is by the hatred and cleverness of his enemy, Hallokar. To follow Frank Pingle in his efforts to find the marvellous gems, through his wonderful journey in the sub-marine boat, and his weird sojourn in the Cave of the Hidden Skeleton, would be to tell too much of this startling story—let any one who has a taste for wild adventure, read for himself.

"TONY MAXWELL'S PLUCK" is a book on quieter lines than the above, though as the story opens with a burglary perhaps one is wrong in considering it more of the domestic type of school-boy stories. The characters of the children of the Maxwell family are well worked out—the bold, audacious, but conceited Harold—handsome, high-spirited Willy—and poor Tony, so fragile and sensitive, misunderstood and unappreciated. But after all Tony proves the hero, and in energy, pluck and real acuteness, he proves that he has it in him to do and dare when the right time comes, and by rescuing the diamonds and the silver he showed that after all he was the flower of the flock.

"IN FAR BOLIVIA," by Dr. Gordon Stables. We are hurried in this story from a civilised and stirring life on a South American plantation to the wildest and most savage surroundings, where cannibals dance "their wayward round" and enjoy their hideous feasts. The glories of the Bolivian forests are described in glowing language, and the dangers that beset the wanderer through their tropical beauties seem as numerous as the stems of the trees. A beautiful girl of fifteen, through the evil-machinations of a certain Don Pedro, is carried off by a tribe of cannibal Indians to supplant their own Queen, of whom they have grown tired, and the rescue party, got together by her cousins, have a lively time, journeying by foot through jaguar and puma infested forest, over mountain ranges, up and down and across glorious rivers, until they reach the cannibals' land, when there is fighting enough of a desperate and dangerous type with those savages, who tip their arrows with deadly poison, to satisfy the most energetic boys during a long holiday. When they have read this story they have undoubtedly learned more about far Bolivia and many other parts of South America than the average student of a well-edited geography book. Dr. Gordon Stables imparts bounding life and endless interest to his tale.

"JONES, THE MYSTERIOUS," by Charles Edwardes, is an unusual sort of story book, with a more than fairy-like element of witchcraft in it. An Anglo-Indian boy is endowed by his "bearer" with the power of invisibility, which he can unconsciously assume when he wants to avoid persons or situations he does not like. It would seem to be an admirable faculty specially for a little chap running for the first time the gauntlet of a varied and lively selection of hardened school-boys, but in practice it lands Young Jones into no end of difficulties far worse than the real ones he had escaped by his timely disappearances. The return of the Hindu bearer, whose ship meets with an accident on the journey back to India, enables him to revoke the power he has given to his young sahib. It is a timely rescue, for Jim was fast getting into sad odour with masters and scholars alike in spite of his manifest good qualities and good temper. What this story lacks in probability it makes up in liveliness.

"A TREK AND A LAAGER," by Jane H. Spettigue (Blackie and Son), is a stirring story of adventure in South Africa. An English family living on the Veldt, far from a town, hear that the Kaffirs are on the war-path and they decide to trek to safer quarters. It means at least six days on the road in wagons, with their flocks and herds being driven with them in a patriarchal, but by no means peaceful, fashion, for every day and all day long the horizon has to be scanned, lest the dreaded Kaffir tribes should sweep down and send a shower of assegais among the trekkers, kill or capture them and carry off their sheep and cattle. The boy-hero, aged fourteen, just able to shoot well, proves himself a plucky and resourceful youth. He and his sister are caught out during another raid while herding and obliged to hide in a kloof, where a cave gives them shelter for the night. A leopard disturbs their rest, but does not himself come well out of the encounter. The next day they try to regain their home, but though Humphrey fights all he can and shoots away his last cartridge, they are taken by the Kaffirs, and undergo much suffering. They escape, but only to join in the defence of the home laager from a huge body of savage Kaffirs. The whole tale is most exciting, and is an excellent book for either boys or girls.

"EVERY INCH A BRITON," by Meredith Fletcher. This is a jolly schoolboy story from the point of view of the boy, which makes it doubly good for the other fellows. The tone shows, without any attempt at drawing a moral, that though there was no need of an overruling power to kindle, there certainly was one by whom the boys were unconsciously restrained. The story does not lack advanture and has plenty of comic scenes. The fag-strike with its consequences is a mixture of the comedy and tragedy that boys' lives in a public school frequently offer. The different forms and their varied degrees of glory are well defined. The healthy rivalry among the contemporary boys is shared thoroughly by the reader who hurries on to see how every difficulty is faced, whether Yorke continues to be the hero his fellows think him, whether Dalmayne becomes a little humanised by the bullying necessary in such a case as his and if the kiddies develop pluck as well as endurance. It is altogether a very good boys' story, without affectation and full of stirring life.

"QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MAIDENS," by Sarah Tytler, is a story of the time of King George and Queen Charlotte and the White House is the centre of interest where the Queen maintained a number of maidens, and had them taught an art by which they could earn their living, and thus be saved from the necessity of marrying against their inclination. They are not prevented from marrying if they choose and among those diligent sojourners in the retreat romance creeps in easily. They gradually migrate to other homes. It is a very pretty story, written with all its author's charm, and will make many a girl happy this Christmas.

"TERRY," by Rosa Mulholland is one of a series of one shilling stories, prettily bound, that the little folk, of nine or so, can enjoy unaided. Terry is a little Irish girl born in Africa, and is being brought up in Ireland. She is as wild as a hare, but as jolly as possible. Her nurse, Nancy, is a delightful old person and the adventures and tricks of Terry and her brother Turly, and their quaint sayings make a very pretty story. "DO YOUR DUTY," by G. A. Henty, another of this series, is a sea-story of the early years of the century when going to sea meant dangers in war and among pirates, as well as in storms and calms. Harry is the hero, the son of a pensioned boatswain living on Hayling Island. The boy joins a King's ship as soon as he is old enough, and has his full share in the wars and adventures of the time before he is twenty-one. "THREE TROUBLESOME MONKEYS," by A. B. Romney, "THE ADVENTURES of CARLO" by Katherine Tynan, are some of the stories for children of seven and upwards, and are well adapted for both girls and boys, with pictures and plenty of movement in the tales. There is yet another series for little ones of five or six, of which "THE TRAVELS OF FUZZ AND BUZZ" by Geraldine Mockler, and "TEDDY'S ADVENTURES" by Mrs. H. Clarke are very good specimens. Pictures and rhymes for the very small folk are to be found in "STORY BOOK TIME," a half-crown volume, with the most delightful black and white and coloured pictures by dozens and verses and short stories. "OUR DARLING'S FIRST BOOK" is a new version of Nursery Rhymes, with fascinating illustrations and some old but ever new fairy tales. There are more pictures than words in this book, which is as it should be. "DROLL DOINGS" with Illustrations, by Harry Neilson, is a charming picture and verse book. The animals are beautifully drawn and expressively tell their own stories.

"THE STORY-BOOK OF THE SHAH," by Ella G. Sykes (John Macqueen, 49, Rupert Street, London). The author of "Through Persia on a Side-Saddle" had the happy thought of giving to the children of the West the Legends that are well-known to every Persian boy and girl, that are told and re-told all over the land of the Shah in all the endless verbosity that Easterns love in their story-tellers. Miss Sykes is well equipped for her task. She had qualified for it in Persia, the land of Firdausi, the Oriental Homer, and from her own experience she has added the local colour, the manners and customs of the inhabitants, and has made Jamshed, Rustom, Sohrab, King Feridun, the Princess Zal and the rest interesting to English readers. The fairy tales of all countries have a certain resemblance, but the differences teach us better than anything else to appreciate the qualities that go to the making up of the different varieties of the human mind. Miss Sykes has succeeded admirably in making a good story-book from these ever-new Eastern legends.

PANCHGANI HIGH SCHOOL.

PRIZE-DISTRIBUTION.

THE grounds of the above school, writes a correspondent, presented a very gay and festive appearance on the occasion of the annual prize-distribution on Monday last. A number of visitors were present from the surrounding district and Mahableshwar. Punctually at 4-30 the chair was taken by Major Fearn. A varied programme was gone through by the children, consisting of pianoforte duets, part songs by the upper and action songs by the lower divisions of the school; a solo by Miss Gladys Phillips; a Maypole dance by the lower school and an exhibition of Swedish drill by the whole school.

All items were enthusiastically received by the audience, especially Miss Gladys Phillips' song, which was encored. The programme being ended Major Fearn read the report of the school for the year, also the inspector's remarks regarding his visit. Both were highly creditable to the school, its principal and staff. One remark of the inspector is worthy of notice, viz., "It was desirable the work of the school should be hampered as little as possible for want of more accommodation." As this is already being provided next term will find plenty of room for the increasing numbers expected to join. Major Fearn then introduced Mrs. Jacobs (who had kindly come from Mahableshwar to distribute the prizes) to the audience. The prizes were awarded as follows :—

1st Good Conduct Prize, given by vote presented by Mrs. Jacobs—May Simmons.

1st Scripture—Senior, Kenneth MacCormac; Middle—David Dawson; Lower—Edith Melling.

English St. VIII.—1st Examination, May Simmons; 1st Mark, Pootibai Vakilna; St. VII.—1st Examination and French, Mary Evans; 1st Mark, Fred Melling; 1st Scholarship, Fred Melling; French Prize-Ethel Smith. St. VI.—1st Mark and Examination, Boochabai Vakilna; 2nd Mark Prize, Willie Melling; Special Perseverance, Audley Vakilna. St. IV.—1st Examination, Gladys Fearn; 1st Mark, Bryan O'Brian; 2nd Mark, Annie Melling; Special Improvement, Coomie Vakilna. St. III.—1st Mark and Examination, Allan Brumby; Arithmetic, Harry Phillips. St. II.—1st Examination, Jack Daglish; 1st Mark, Edith Melling. St. II.—2nd Examination Prize, Phyllis Tainsh; 2nd Mark Prize, Maude Stephens. St. I.—1st Examination Prize, Charles Melling; 1st Mark Prize, Fred Skinner; 2nd Examination Prize, Gordon Tainsh; 2nd Mark Prize, Phyllis Palin.

Kindergarten Prizes.—Daisy King, Charlton Palin Amy Tainsh, and Eric Clarke.

Needlework.—Senior, 1st Prize, May Melling; Middle, 1st Prize, Irene Phillips; Junior, 1st Prize Kate Smith and Gladys Fearn; Lower, 1st Prize, Phyllis Tainsh.

Music.—Senior, Mary Evans, and Junior, Archibald Brumby.

Painting.—Senior, Irene Phillips.

Essay Prize.—May Melling.

Drill Prizes.—Florence Smith, Archibald Brumby and Maud Stephens.

After the distribution was over the Rev. Ruttonji Nowroji said a few words to those present—the Dismissal Hymn "Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing" was sung, followed by "God Save the Queen" and the Benediction.

During the afternoon a sale of fancy articles and Christmas cards took place, the proceeds of which over Rs. 50 helping somewhat to defray the cost of the many prizes provided. Thus ended a most enjoyable afternoon—the least noticeable thing was the bright and happy faces of the children, the result of good care and bracing mountain air. The school will re-open on Friday, the 8th of February, 1901.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., on yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	2	6
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	5	2	29
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fannaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbarwada	17	3	37
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill	2	3	8
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	2	2	30
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	8
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	9
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	14
Total	29	14	142
Total plague deaths to date	80,578	66,582	
Same date last year	64	40	216

LIEUTENANT R. J. C. Burke has been appointed a Political Probationer with effect from the date of Captain T. A. F. R. Oldfield's return to duty. Lieutenant Burke has been attached to the office of the Political Superintendent, Palanpur.

BUSHRANGER "STARLIGHT."

HIS IDENTITY REVEALED.

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

THE "Morning Herald" of Perth (Nov. 21.) published a most interesting story, showing clearly that P. F. Pelly, or Major Pelly, as he was known, who died from the effects of poison taken by mistake for medicine on 22nd December last, and who was at the time of his death employed in the Geological deprrtment, Perth, as amanuensis to the Government Geologist, was none other than "Starlight," the notorious Aus-tralian Bush ranger of years ago. In Perth it was recognised by those above him that he was a man of no mean attainments. Those who came in contact with him could not understand his strange ways. Only on rare occasions was he known to speak of himself, and all the information he ever volunteered was that he had served in the army and had seen active service. In proof of this he displayed bullet wounds in various parts of his body, and with this evidence none doubted his word. People did not seek for credentials, and as he did not thrust himself on society with his title of major, he was never required to display any proof of his bona fides other than the bullet wounds. From hints dropped at times it was also gathered that he was a descendant of an old Irish family. Pelly was of a retiring disposition. When his death occurred he was supposed to have taken cyanide of potassium in mistake for medicine. A copy of the "Morning Herald" containing a report of the inquest reached one, Father Pelly, Ireland, and he communicated with a brother confined in Pentridge Gaol, in Victoria, on the subject. This prisoner then wrote to Dr. Black, coroner, of Perth, what was looked upon as an extraordinary letter, but this document on being handed over to the police, set them inquiring.

The object of the letter from Patrick Edward Pelly was really to endeavor to trace a long missing brother. His letter states :—

George Kirkcaldy Pelly, my only brother in Australia when last I saw him in 1890, was a clerk in the U. S. N. Company, at Brisbane, but I heard he left there afterwards, and I have not heard from, or of him, since, except once, when I was told he was in Sydney. If the description I have given of my brother does not tally with that of deceased, I am forced to think that Frank Gordon, to whom I handed a number of my family papers and photographs (the writer than goes on to describe all the documents he gave to Gordon, who was a fellow prisoner at the time and who promised to deliver them to Geo. Kircaldy Pelly in Brisbane) for delivery to my brother must have assumed my name of Patrick, and adopted our family name, on the strength of the information supplied by the papers and photos. God grant that neither my brother nor my friend Gordon, may be identical with the deceased Pelly, but in furtherance of the ends of justice and to allay the anxiety of my people, I trust you will let me know as soon as possible. If the papers and photos in question should be in the possession of deceased's landlady or executors I should be thankful to receive them, as I prize them very much, without delay.

The authorities in Perth instituted inquiries, and it was not a difficult matter to gain some information concerning Patrick Edward Pelly, of Pentridge. He was sent a photograph of "Malor Pelly," of Perth, the deceased, and he immediately recognised it as that of his quondam friend and gaol companion, "Gordon," alias "Starlight," bushranger, who had served sentences in several gaols in New South Wales. Pelly of Pentridge, in a communication to the gaol authorities there, said that was the person to whom he gave his family papers and photos, to deliver to George Kirkealdy Pelly in Brisbane. Another letter from Pentridge Gaol, dated 24th July of this year, states that he first met deceased as Frank Gordon in 1881, and he was then serving a sentence in Queensland. The facts of "Starlight's" life were given to the writer. His real name was Frank Pearson, and he was born in Mexico, of a Spanish mother and an Irish father. He received a great part of his education at the propaganda, Rome. Pelly then relates "Starlight's" Australian life since 1864, when he joined the gang of bushrangers, of which he became the recognised leader until the sticking up of Keightley's station. The letter says :—

His life, I believe, is accurately described in Boldrewood's "Robbery Under Arms," except the final catastrophe. I have read the book, and I believe that the author had the facts related by Starlight himself.

The New South Wales police supplied the local authorities with a photograph of "Starlight," and the likeness is unmistakeable, for although some years old, there is little alteration in the features. Those who knew "Major Pelly" would recognise the picture immediatey. The prison statistics show that he was born in 1837, and that he had two buller wounds on the right arm, one in the groin, one on the hip and another on the right shoulder, while left arm was tatooed. The police are in possession of many other interesting documents and have obtained most of the missing papers and photos and forwarded them to the rightful owner.

STUDENTS' LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THE prize distribution to the girls attending the schools of the Student's Literary and Scientific Society took place at the Framji Cowasji Institute last night. The Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice of Bombay, presided; and Lady Jenkins distributed the prizes. There was a large attendance.

Mr. Daji Abaji Khare, the honorary secretary of the Society, read the biennial report, from which the following are extracts :—

The years 1899 and 1900 have been uncommonly heavy for this presidency. The privations and hardships suffered by the people at large in consequence of plague and famine have had their baneful effects on educational institutions. Girls' schools are particularly liable to suffer on account of such influences. In the beginning of 1900 when plague threatened to assume epidemic proportions, we formally closed the schools until the epidemic spent its force. The result of these unhappy circumstances is that during all these years successively the schools have been really open only for six months in each year. Notwithstanding, there is no falling off in attendance whenever the times are propitious enough. These schools have been pioneers of female education in the city, as ever since 1848 the schools have been imparting instruction to the Marathi-speaking girls of Bombay. The work of instruction during the year under review was not quite as satisfactory as the Society would desire. The financial aspect of our work is not quite satisfactory. The return from fees has fallen off in consequence of the periodic closing of the schools, and the grants-in-aid, too, have suffered a diminution from like causes. The expenditure, on the other hand, grows apace, and the result is that the Society's work is greatly hampered. The Society has just received Rs. 3,000 from donors in England through the good offices of Dr. Rakhmabai, and it has undertaken to apply the proceeds of this fund to the maintanance of a II Standard class. Another donation which deserves mention is a sum of Rs. 1,500 from Mr. Janardhan Gopal Mantri, solicitor, High Court. The Society continues to receive the benefit of honorary instruction in drawing from Mr. Bapuji Dinanathji, and the Educational Inspector speaks in terms of commendation of the work, and the Society is deeply grateful to Mr. Bapuji for his valuable assistance and also to the staff.

Lady Jenkins then distributed the prizes.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, in addressing the meeting, said he was a warm supporter of female education, and that the strong hold it had upon the Hindoo community was not to be overlooked. He referred to a speech in which Sir George Birdwood had said that only one educated Hindoo in every ten married an educated wife, and remarked that every man should have a good helpmate, and one who had received in some way an education the counterpart of her husband. He considered the Society's schools were doing good work in that direction and he considered it satisfactory that notwithstanding the calamities the city had passed through that the schools were thriving. He congratulated the pupils on the excellent work done, and the staff and the management and the manner in which they had carried forward this teaching and organisation during a trying period. A vote of thanks was then accorded to Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins, who were presented with garland of flowers previous to leaving the hall.

IT is understood that the Hon'ble Mr. Raleigh is likely to preside over the conference which will be held on the question of the agricultural banks scheme during the cold weather. Messrs. Nicholson, Holderness, Duperrex and Rai Bahadur Bose will be the members.

BOMBAY SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE.

SPEECH BY LORD NORTHCOTE.

THE annual meeting of the Bombay Scottish Orphanage was held in the Town Hall, Bombay, last evening, when the event was largely attended. Lord Northcote, who was accompanied by Lady Northcote presided, and he was supported on the platform by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. R. M. Gray, Major Bannerman, Colonel Waters, Messrs. Chrystal, James Macdonald, Montcrieff-Dick and Taylor, members of the committee. As their Excellencies entered the building two small girls presented to each a bouquet, and after an opening chorus by the pupils

The Rev. R. M. Gray read the annual report, the adoption of which was moved and seconded by the Rev. R. Scott and Mr. James Douglas. The following are the chief extracts :—

The work of the schools, though marked by nothing unusual has been carried on steadily and efficiently during the past year. The number of scholars has not yet reached what it was before the first visitation of plague, and is, indeed, a little smaller than it was last year. Mr. MacDonald has again to report that the Boarding Department has not recovered, from the dislocation caused in 1897. The parents of children who come from outside Bombay, assuming from the Sanitary Report, that all parts of Byculla are equally unhealthy, prefer to place their children in other localities. A change is perceptible, and hopes may be entertained that the numbers will soon fill up.

SCHOOL WORK.

The schools were examined, as usual, by the Educational Inspector, and their work declared to be satisfactory. Attention was called to defects and weaknesses in some parts of the teaching, and every effort will be made to remedy these in the coming year. Other results were, with equal frankness, highly commended. The schools have been passed for the usual Grants-in-Aid. As the university matriculation result have not yet been declared it is not posible to award either the Gold, Silver Medals, or the Macpherson Scholarship. Four former pupils passed the previous examination, two in the second class. It is interesting to note that there are in Bombay at least eight qualified medical practitioners who passed through the Scottish Schools—all having their degrees from England or Scotland.

Religious Instruction.—The Committee have to report that the Bible has been taught regularly and carefully through the year, and that, with a few exceptions, all the pupils share in this instruction. The Rev. M. Gray takes regular part in this instruction in the John Connon School.

THE STAFF.

The Principal, Mr. MacDonald, reports as follows of his staff :—"It is a matter of regret to me that circumstances, personal to myself, prevented me from continuing the lectures on Teaching, which I had expressed my intention to deliver in the past year I trust that nothing may interfere with the resumption of these Saturday morning meetings, which are designed for advice and assistance to those who purpose to appear for Government Certificates. Is is satisfactory to know that Miss Brown, Byculla, has this year passed for this Certificate, and that other two were so satisfactory that the examiner recommended them to appear at the Examination in August next. We have now three Government Certificated Teachers on the staffs, and we aim at having all the assistants qualified.

In the appointment to the Head Mistresship of the John Connon School of Miss Evans, B.A., whom we are proud to claim as one of our own pupils, we are satisfied that the services have been secured of one who, by her high character and abilities, will fully maintain, and in all probability improve, the efficiency and tone of the teaching and discipline. The loyal and efficient co-operation of the several members of the staffs leaves me nothing to change from the satisfaction I expressed last year. Mr. Wilkinson, in addition to his able and zealous work in the schools, continues unwearied efforts to uphold the efficiency of the Cadet Corps. Mr. Necker also has bestowed special care upon the Cricket and Hockey Clubs. We still possess the valued services of Mr. Bhore and Mr. Dickson, but one or two changes have taken place amongst the assistant mistresses. As the staffs now exist, they are stronger and more able than they have been for many years—a fact which will doubtless be proved in the work of the coming year.

SUCCESS IN THE FIELD

The figure of merit of the Cadet Company for the last season is a good one. The percentage of extra-efficients is very high. It is hoped that this year it will be yet higher. What is aimed as it to make every member who is not a recruit an extra-efficient. Very great pains will be taken this season to make the shooting better than it has been. The boys are keen enough at this part of their training, but they are considerably handicapped by having to go all the way to Coorla to practise. This means the expenditure of a very considerable portion of their pocket-money in railway fares and in meeting the cost of ammunition. It is very creditable to the large number that frequent the ranges on Saturdays, that they do so in spite of the difficulties in their way. Were the ranges closer at hand, our percentage of first-class shots would be nearly as high as that of our extra-efficients. At Byculla thirty boys joined the Cricket Club, and during the season thirteen matches were played, of which eight were won and five were lost. Sixteen boys joined the Club for Football, and one or two matches have been played. A Hockey team has also been formed, and has entered for the High Schools' Athletic Association Tournament. Thanks are cordially given to Dr. MacDonald, Captain J. H. MacDonald, Mr. Duncan MacDonald, and Mr. J. A. Balfour, who have helped the Club by giving prizes or donations.

The Committee referred with great regret, to the death, July, of Mrs. James MacDonald. For the long period of thirty-two years, Mrs. MacDonald devoted herself to the cause of Education in connection with the Society, and the Committee were sensible that the position the Boarding Establishment held in the public estimation was due to her unflagging energy and motherly care. They placed on record their very sincere sympathy with Mr. MacDonald in his irreparable loss. Mr. MacDonald has now served the Society for thirty-three years, and while extending to him their sympathy, and the Committee, at the same time, offered him their cordial thanks for his long and zealous service, and for the work of another year carried on so faithfully though under the shadow of anxiety and a great sorrow. They also congratulated him upon the well-merited honour that has been conferred upon him in his appointment to the Sheriffship of Bombay—an honor which very fitly comes to one who has always possessed a strong sense of public duty, and who, in more ways than one, has deserved well of his fellow-citizens. In conclusion, the Committee very heartily express their thanks to all the teachers for their deligent work during another year. In partial recognition of his ability and long service, Mr. Wilkinson now holds upon the staff the position of Vice Principal.

Lord Northcote, in the course of his speech, expressed the pleasure he and Lady Northcote felt in being able to attend the annual meeting of the Society. He wished to tender his sincere thanks to the members for extending their invitation to Lady Northcote and himself. The existence of the Society was an honourable proof of the interest which Scotchmen took in the great cause of education and its vitality was further evidenced by the assembly that afternoon. That Society had now been in existence for thirty-three years and claimed to be the pioneer of the Education Society of Bombay. It was with very great regret that he learned the condition of the Society was not so prosperous as in former years, and this was partly caused by the natural competition of schools which had grown up in Bombay since the Scottish Society was founded, and still more occasioned by the terrible outbreaks of plague with which alas Bombay was too familiar. These had the effect of discouraging parents from sending their children to school, more especially to the Byculla district, which unfortunately had gained notoriety as an unhealthy district. He was, however, glad to think, according to the latest statistics, that this was not now the case. It was Lady Northcote's and his own most fervent and earnest hope that from the dangers and misfortunes that had come upon them, because of plague, not only in the Bombay City, but in the whole Presidency, they might be delivered. The competition from other schools was inevitable and in respect to the John Connon there were one or two other schools in the immediate neighbourhood. It had occurred to him that it might be possible to consider whether they could not in some way combine with these schools for the promotion of certain classes in education. By combining their resources they would be able to attract more highly-qualified teachers than an individual school could afford to pay out of its own resources. In saying that he drew a wide distinction between secular and religious instruction, because in respect to the latter the children should be taught as their parents wished them to learn. His lordship went on to speak of the value of physical training in connection with mind culture. He proceeded to say that he would regret much if the old Scottish custom of teaching the boys and girls together were abandoned, for he would remind them that the reports had borne testimony to the admirable manner in which this joint education was carried on. (Applause.) Mr. Scott in his speech had referred to the numerous distinctions which members of the Society had gained, and in looking over some figures his lordship was glad to notice that no fewer than seven of their girls were practising in Bombay as lady-doctors. (Applause.) It was not necessary to remind them, knowing as they did the conditions of Indian life, how growing was the need for lady-doctors, nor need he point out to any girl who had an inclination for this work, how great and noble was the work before them. His Excellency referred to the inestimable services Mr. James Macdonald had rendered to the Society during the past thirty-three years and heartily endorsed every word which had been spoken in reference to that gentleman's work. He could assure them that when the Bombay Government found themselves fortunate enough to secure Mr. Macdonald's services as Sheriff of Bombay during the coming year they felt glad they obtained the services of a gentleman who was universally respected by every class of persons in this great city. He had been asked on behalf of many past and present pupils to unveil a portrait of the Doctor. This he now did with the utmost pleasure and he sincerely congratulated the Society on henceforth possessing a memento of the invaluable services that gentleman had rendered to it.

[We regret that owing to the position allotted to the press at the meeting we are unable to reproduce the full text of the Governor's speech.]

On the proposition of Major Bannerman a vote of thanks was accorded to their Excellencies for their presence.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. C. T. Burke presiding.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna moved that the memorandum from the Commissioner forwarding the report from the Divisional Health Officers for the quarter ending the 30th September be recorded. He said the reports were very interesting and suggestive, and he hoped there would be no controversy in regard to them.

Mr. Dadachanji, in seconding the motion, referred to the question of overcrowding and the prevalence of phthisis and other diseases. He thought it was high time that something should be done in regard to this matter and the Corporation should set aside funds to provide model dwellings for the poor.

Dr. Dinsha Master, referring to prosecutions of poor people on account of nuisance, said he did not see why the greater nuisance perpetrated on the Kennedy Sea Face was permitted. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wacha did not understand the statement in one of the reports that one of the causes of the high mortality had been the famine and the consequent high prices of food. They knew that famine raged very virulently in 1899, but whether famine was so very strong in the town and island of Bombay in the third quarter of 1900 was a problem which he could not understand.

Dr. Viegas paid a tribute to the excellence of the report furnished by Dr. Cayley. Although the eminent engineer, Mr. Santo Crimp, spoke in a way to lead the Corporation to think that the water-logged condition of the soil was a myth Dr. Cayley proved by facts and figures that the water-logged condition of soil was a reality, and it was to that fact that the increased mortality in the city was due. As Mr. Wacha had shown in his letters to the paper the mortality of the city had been rising by leaps and bounds. It appeared to be the fact that a good deal of sewage was finding its way into the subsoil water and the contaminated ground air being forced up into the dwellings, caused a great increase of mortality from respiratory and bowel complaints. Efforts should be made to keep the surface of the soil clean.

Sir Bhalchandra was surprised and pleased at the change in the opinions of Dr. Viegas regarding the work done by the Divisional Health Officers.

Dr. Viegas claimed to be heard again as Sir Bhalchandra had misrepresented him absolutely.

Sir Bhalchandra said that last month Dr. Viegas described the Divisional Health Officers as mere head clerks and the Municip

corrected if Mr. Mehta will state exactly what he did say.

Mr. Mehta: I am quite ready to explain.

Haji Yusuf Haji Ismail interposed with a point of order.

After further remarks the President requested Dr. Viegas to speak to the motion.

Dr. Viegas: As the Hon Mr. Mehta has thought fit to oppose the motion I want to say to the Corporation that his opposition should not be taken into account because on a former occasion he did exactly the same. In the interests of the public health it is incumbent on us to take note of everything that is of an abnormal nature in regard to the sanitation of the city.

Mr. Mehta, after the doctor had in spite of some interruptions succeeded in closing his remarks, rose to make an explanation.

Dr. Viegas: Have I the right to reply to him?

The President, amid much laughter, intimated that he had not.

Mr. Mehta said he never did say what Dr. Viegas had persistently and obstinately insisted upon ascribing to him on the last occasion. The society from which a representation came to the Corporation comprised most of the medical gentlemen on the Corporation and just before the representation was received the Corporation had appointed a committee on which they had put all the medical members to investigate the causes of the prevalence of fevers. That committee after a very long period made a report in which they suggested nothing and found nothing. (Laughter.) When the medical society came with a representation they told the Corporation that fever was very prevalent in the city. He did laugh at that; he said "Did it require the medical men of the city to tell the Corporation a fact which they had appointed a medical committee to consider?" He was angry, too, that they did not suggest any practical measures to meet a fact so thoroughly well known to the Corporation.

The motion was adopted.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

TAKING LEAVE OF MR. BURKE.

The Hon. Mr. Mehta said the only item that now remained to be disposed of was the letter from the President resigning his office from that day. He was perfectly sure that he gave expression to the unanimous feeling of the Corporation when he said that they parted with their present President with the greatest and most sincere regret. (Hear, hear.) He was sure they would also agree that during his period of office he had maintained the most honourable traditions of the chair in which he sat. (Hear, hear.) Of course when they appointed Mr. Burke they perfectly well knew that he would satisfactorily discharge the onerous and responsible duties of the chair. All his past honourable and useful public career gave them the fullest assurance that he would bring all the best training and education of that career to bear on the discharge of his duties. He (the speaker) was perfectly sure they would all agree with him that they

HAD NOT BEEN DISAPPOINTED.

Mr. Burke had conducted the business of the Corporation with the greatest assiduity and care. He had attended absolutely every meeting of the Corporation and he had devoted a great portion of his time to the discharge of the duties which fell upon him as chairman of the various, he was almost going to say the innumerable, committees which had been appointed on every subject in regard to Municipal affairs. He (Mr. Mehta) could personally speak to the great attention Mr. Burke gave to the discharge of the duties in regard to those committees. But while they acknowledged the satisfactory way in which he discharged, what might be called the mechanical duties of his office, every one admired the manner in which he conducted the more responsible duties of the chairman. It had been felt that there never had been a President who had displayed superior fair-play in dealing with all the questions that fell upon the chairman to decide. It had been suggested that even when Mr. Burke was opposed to the view of a member that only made him the more scrupulous in awarding to the member that fair-play which, it was safe to say distinguished an English gentleman almost above every specimen of humanity. (Hear, hear.) Mr Burke had discharged the arduous and responsible duties of his office not only to the full satisfaction of the Corporation, but he had added further lustre to the honourable traditions of the chair to which he was called at the first meeting in April. He could, therefore, well say that it was with the greatest regret that Corporation parted with Mr. Burke before his time of office was over and he was perfectly sure that when Mr. Burke retired from that chair, which in his case was the same thing as retiring from this country, he went with the most cordial good wishes of every member of the Corporation for his future happiness in whatever sphere of life he goes into. (Applause.) He moved that Mr. Burke's resignation be accepted with regret, that the best thanks of the Corporation be given to Mr. Burke for the able, courteous and admirable manner in which he has discharged the onerous and responsible duties of his position. (Applause.)

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, in seconding the motion, fully joined in the expression of regret and added that Mr. Burke had discharged the onerous duties of the exalted office in which he was installed last April with great ability and impartiality and had given entire satisfaction to the whole of the Corporation. He entirely echoed the sentiments which had fallen from the proposer and said he might add that Mr. Burke as President of the Corporation had shown that an official President could, for the time being, divest himself of all the trammels of office and could be as efficient, and as able a President as any non-official member. He entirely joined in wishing Mr. Burke prosperity and enjoyment in his life in Europe, and hoped that he would carry with him the happiest recollections and memories of that office. Mr. Burke had ever striven to preserve to the fullest extent the dignity of his exalted office which he handed over entirely untarnished. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Watcha observed that Mr. Burke was the very personification of perseverance, amiability and impartiality.

Dr. Viegas said that every one of them felt that nothing but absolute justice and impartiality had been dealt out to them by Mr. Burke As chairman of the various committees the care, assiduity and trouble he had taken were absolutely unequalled and they parted with very great regret from one who had been independent, impartial and courteous.

Mr. Sayani said that Mr Burke had made such a very good President that one wished that the Corporation would have a succession of such ideal Presidents.

Dr. Dinsha Master observed that he always admired the impartiality of Mr. Burke's rulings whether he was dealing with a prominent or a humble member of the Corporation.

Mr. Ebrahim Rahimtula said that in Mr. Burke they found a President who was amiability personified.

Colonel Dimmock, as a junior member of the Municipality, said his acquaintance with Mr. Burke on the Corporation had impressed him a very great deal. He had seen a good many presidents of meetings but he did not think he had ever seen anyone who held the chair with such an impressive manner as Mr. Burke. (Hear, hear.) He thoroughly endorsed all the opinions that had been expressed and wished Mr. Burke every happiness.

Haji Yusuf Haji Ismail said the feelings of respect and honour they entertained for Mr. Burke could not be expressed in words.

The proposition was then put by the secretary and carried with acclamation.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

Mr. Burke, who was much moved, said in reply:—I have to thank you most heartily and warmly you, Mr. Mehta, for the more than kind terms in which you have proposed this motion, and you, my friends, for the very hearty manner in which you have received it. My friend, Mr. Mehta, has in the kindness of his heart, given me far more credit than I deserve: indeed of the many qualities with which he has sought to endow me I can only lay claim to one and that too only in a practical degree—I mean he endeavour to be strictly and entirely impartial in all my rulings and conduct of the business of the Corporation meetings. (Applause.) Of the business done during the nine months in which I have had the honour to hold the Presidential chair, I may refer to the following:—There were 44 meetings of the Corporation, 529 items on the Agenda papers, and 114 notices of motion of which 13 were withdrawn. Allowing for the sake of comparison for the same proportion in the fourth quarter of the year, it would mean 58 meetings against 55 in the previous year, 591 items on Agenda paper against 606 in the previous year, and 142 notices of motion against 183 in the previous year. The Councillors will observe a considerable falling-off in the number of notices of motion which I venture to think is no loss or disadvantage to the Corporation's administration. As regards Committees when I took charge, there were 21 remaining from the previous year and 18 were added during the nine months, making a total of 39. Of these, 20 have submitted reports out of which three Committees submitted four 'ad interim' reports, and there are now 19 Committees still standing over, but of which a considerable number will probably be disposed of in the next three months. Of the 23 reports submitted, some were of great importance amongst which I may mention the tramways electric light and power Bombay water-supply and the police charges. We had during my period of office the honour of receiving and presenting an address to his Excellency the Viceroy, which is worthy of note, inasmuch as such visits during their term of office are not frequent. Lord Northbrook visited this city in 1872, Lord Dufferin in 1888, and Lord Lansdowne in 1892. With regard to the work done whether in the Corporation or in Committee, I have always had most helpful, ready, cheerful, and able assistance from you my colleagues. Nothing could exceed the patience and loyalty with which in all cases and at all times you have supported me. I have to thank you one and all, which I do most heartily, for that help patience and loyal support which has made the President's path in office an easy and pleasant one. I must not forget to acknowledge all I owe to our very able and indefatigable Secretary, Mr Wadia (Applause.) Whether at these meetings or in Committees he has always been of the very greatest help and assistance to me, always at my right hand, ready to keep me in the right path. Mr Michael, too, in the infancy of my office gave me able help. I thank both these officers most heartily. And now, my friends, the time has come to say farewell. My heart is full and I can hardly express how deep are my regrets in leaving this country and its people for which I have a sincere and abiding affection, also in severing from my work which throughout my thirty-two years of official life has been to me a labour of love. I have served throughout the length and breadth of this Presidency, with people of all classes, in famines and times of trouble, as well as in periods of prosperity and under all circumstances have found the people to be loyal, law-abiding, patient under physical suffering, and altogether so estimable that one could not live in intimacy amongst them, without feeling a strong affection for them (Applause). I hope and pray that the cloud which has overshadowed this beautiful city in the past four years may speedily pass away and that good health and prosperity may be allowed it and you in the early future. I thank you all for the good-wishes which you have so feelingly expressed, and which will remain with me as a happy memory in my retirement, and in return I wish this Corporation every success and you, my friends, the best of all good-wishes. It now only remains to say—and I utter it in all the fullness of its liberal meaning,—good-bye, my friends, good-bye (Loud applause)

This concluded the business before the meeting

INFLUENCE OF BRITISH SEA POWER.

Last evening, at the Bombay Sassoon's Mechanics' Institute, Major C. B. Mayne, Commanding the Royal Engineers, Bombay District, delivered an interesting lecture on the U Influence of British Sea Power."

The lecturer spoke on Mahan's remarks on the war between the English and the French in India in 1748, and in course of his address said that though the French were more or less victorious in India, they had to restore Madras to the English. On this Mahan says: "How profound must have been the surprise of the Native Princes at this surrender, how injurious to the personality of Dupleix and the influence he had gained amongst them, to see him in the very hour of victory, forced by a power they could not understand, to relinquish his spoil. They were quite right; the mysterious power which they recognised by its working, though they saw it not, was not in this or that man, king or statesman, but in that control of the sea which the French Government knew forbade the hope of maintaining that distant dependency against the fleets of England. Dupleix himself saw it not; for some years more he continued building, on the sand of Oriental intrigues and lies, the house which, he rainly hoped, would stand the storms that must descend upon it." This control of the sea, Major Mayne continued, now knowns sea power, was first explained by Mahan himself and his works had the most extraordinary influence all over the world in making people realise what was meant by sea power. Foundation of sea power lay in home productions seeking exchange of produce with other countries, foreign friendly ports on distant shores, strong mercantile marine connecting the first and second, and, lastly, the powerful navy capable of defeating the armed naval forces of any possible enemy. The method of using sea power was somewhat mysterious to those who did not understand it. For instance bearing in mind that in every war, even the victorious side, received injuries to a certain extent, the defence of the British Empire, including the safety of India, would be settled in European waters. The hostile fleets which alone were capable of doing damage would be crushed in their own ports, and even the few, that might escape, would not be able to call at sea for want of coaling stations and coal could not be given by neutral powers, as it was contraband of war. So that even the Continental idea of attacking the commerce of England would have very little effect at any distance from French ports; presuming that those ports were not blockaded by English warships, which would in all probabilities be the case after the first victory had taken place. To enable the fleets to have the freedom of sea it was essential that the different parts in England, colonies and dependencies should be sufficiently descended to prevent the stores and arsenals collected therein from being injured by raiding attacks. Given these prequisites, England with her sea boundaries and distant colonies that could not be approached by any foreign power until they had crossed the water, could look with easiness at the enormous land armaments that had been raised by the foreign nations; and then to some extent at their naval armament. For these foreign navies would be unable to coal, except at their own ports, and there were very few which could not be blockaded by English ships at the beginning of any war. As an example, all foreign ships for China had to be coaled at English ports on their way out, and they found Germany France and Russia doing their best to find coaling stations in Eastern waters. Mahan had pointed out that in nearly all great wars that had taken place during the century, it was the possession of sea power made up with the factors already enumerated which had brought victories to the nations possessing it. Britain had twice faced the whole of Europe and come out victorious, and it was probable she was prepared to do the same again with the same result. The great secret of victory of sea power was to use it at the centre of gravity of the political situation, and for the time being letting outlying portions alone, for that nation which gained a victory at the centre of gravity, gained all the rest as a matter of course. (applause.)

UNDELIVERED LETTERS.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters lying at the Bombay General Post Office:—

Bader Robert	Grimberg David	Pagonis A D
Barbash Herman	Guillet Mrs Louise	Peyton Mrs
Bellin Miss E	Hand F	Roberts Mrs John
Blohm Edward	Horra Mrs Lucy	Rodgers Mrs
Brodicke Sophie	Harvey Mrs M	Rosenzweik Fanie
Broun Sorpia	Hetzel James	Schmidt F E Oskar
Brown W T	Hirsch W Anton	Searson Miss
Cameron Mrs	Kaufmann A	Schuh Samuel
Creel nan K M	Lazzig Naftali	Taylor Mrs W J
Deepholts J P	Meyer Romy	Tinta Gospa M
Flucker Fritza	Miller John	Usborne Gordon
Frexmore S	Murray G H	Voibragh J T S
Freilich Marcus	Neilsen J	
Gibbs A F H	Niedel Aneta	

Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., has been elected by the Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy (second Baronet) Memorial Fund Committee as a Member of the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, vice Mr. Dosabhai Framji, C.S.I., resigned.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranade, C.I.E., Judge of the High Court, Bombay, has been granted furlough for six months and as previously announced the Hon. Mr. N. G. Chandavarkar, B.A., LL.B., has been appointed to act during the absence of Mr. Justice Ranade.

Yu Keng, China's representative in Paris, whose remarkable plain speaking caused great astonishment, is among the most enlightened Chinamen representing the Celestial land abroad. He lives, with his wife and two sons, in one of the most luxurious houses in the French capital. If the Powers make up their minds to solve the China question by establishing a strong Chinese Government they could hardly do better than place Yu Keng in a responsible post. He belongs to the reformers. He believes that the only way for China to save herself is to follow in the steps of Japan. But he is not hopeful of the future of his country. A talk he had with the Emperor when leaving Peking filled him with despair. "You are right; go and live in the west, and try to be happy far from China," said the Emperor. Yu Keng is sixty.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending December 18 was 898, giving a death-rate of 54·67 per annum, per thousand, as against 83·71 the corresponding period of last year, and 59·54 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 75 died from fevers; 102, plague; 3, small-pox; 3, cholera; 6, leprosy; 142, phthisis; 77, diseases of the nervous system; 155, affections of the respiratory organs; 62, diarrhœa; 19, dysentery; 34, still-born; 91, old age and debility; 26, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 36; Brahmin, 29; Lingaet, 3; Bhattia, 5; Hindu of other caste, 468; Hindu low caste, 85; Musalman, 218; Parsee, 24; Jew, 2; Native Christian, 24; Negro-African 2; other and unknown castes, 2. The total number of births was 251, as against 263 the corresponding period of last year, and 263 the average over the past five years.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

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CIVIL APPOINTMENTS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

FURLOUGH for six months is granted to the Hon Mr Justice M G Ranade, CIE, Judge of H M's High Court of Judicature, Bombay, with effect from the 7th January.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the Hon Mr Narayan Ganesh Chandavarkar, BA, LLB, to act as a Judge of H M's High Court of Judature, Bombay, during the absence on leave of the Hon Mr Justice Mahadeo Govind Ranade, CIE, M A, LLB, or pend ng further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to a point Mr Basil Scott, B A (Oxon), to act as Advocate General during the absence on leave of the Hon Mr Basil Lang or pending further orders.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following substantive appointments with effect from the 12th October, the officers concerned continuing to officiate in their present posts:—

Lieut-Colonel F W Snell to be Asst Political Agent in subordinate charge of the Southern Maratha Country Jaghirs.

Major G B O'Donnell to be Third Asst Political Agent, Kathiawar.

Major G B O'Donnell to be Third Asst Political Agent, Kathiawar, his lien on the appointment being suspended.

Captain H D Mercewether to be Third Asst Political Agent, Kathiawar.

Captain F W Woodhouse to be Second-in-Command, Kolhapur Infantry Corps, and ex-officio Asst to the Political Agent, Kolhapur.

Captain H F Jacob to be Third Asst Political Resident, Aden.

Captain R S Pottinger to be Fourth Asst Political Resident, Aden.

Captain W Beale to be Asst Political Agent Mahi Kantha.

Captain J R B G Carter to be Adjutant, Kolhapur Infantry Corps, and ex-officio Asst to the Political Agent, Kolhapur.

Lieut N S Caghill to be Asst Political Supdt and ex-officio Supdt of Police, Palanpur.

The privilege leave for one month granted to Lieut W M P Wood, Acting Asst Political Agent, Mahi Kantha, in this Dept Notification No 797, dated the 5th Nov 1900, is extended by two days.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Lieut R J G Burke to be a Political Probationer with effect from the date of Capt T A F R Oddfield's return to duty.

Lieut Burke is attached to the office of the Political Supdt Palanpur, pending further orders.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to invest, under Section 27 of the Bombay Civil Courts Act, 1869, Rao Bahadur Chunilal Dalsatram Kavishwar, First Class Subordinate Judge, Nasik, with power to hear appeals from such decrees and orders of Subordinate Courts in the Nasik District as may be referred to him by the Judge of that district.

Mr Raghvendra Krishna Alur, Karkun, Collector's Office, Dharwar, passed on the 8th Oct 1900 an examination in the Judicial papers of the Lower Standard Departmental Examination translated into vernacular.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint, under Section 14 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 189 , the undermentioned gentlemen to be Special Magistrates and to invest them in the district of Dharwar with the powers mentioned against their names:—

Mr Jayasatyabodhar.o Tirmarno Inamdar.—First Class Magisterial powers.

Rao Saheb Ramrao Vyasrao Desai.—Second Class Magisterial powers.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased, to invest Mr W G Alcock, ICS Asst Collector and Magistrate of the Second Class in the district of Ahmedabad, with the additional power specified.

Mr C H Jopp, ICS, First Grade Judge and Sessions Judge, has been allowed by H M's Secy of State for India an extension of three months on medical certificate of the furlough for nine months granted to him and extended by two months.

Mr G F Keatinge, ICS, has been appointed to do duty both, as First and Second Assistant to the Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, Bombay, with effect from 20th Oct 1900

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Rao Saheb Govindram Salamarai to be Asst Colonization Officer, on the Jamrao Canal.

Rao Bahadur Lallubhai Gordhandas, Huzur Deputy Collector, Belgaum, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Rao Saheb Venkatrao Subrao Koppikar to act as Huzur Deputy Collector, Belgaum, during the absence of Rao Bahadur Lallubhai Gordhandas on leave or pending further orders.

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY NOTIFICATIONS

The Sir George Ledrand Jacob Prize for 1900 has been awarded to Harilal Govindji Parikh, B A of Baroda and Gujarat Colleges, for a competitive Essay on the following subject:—"The influence of English Education on the Social life of the People of India."

It is hereby notified that Julius DeSouza, of Grant Medical College, having been found guilty of dishonest practices at the last First Examination in Medicine, debarred from appearing for any Examination in this University.

The Colonel Patric French Scholarship, tenable for one year, has been awarded to Vasudev Raghunath Bivalkar of the College of Science, Poona.

The James Berkley Gold Medal, with a prize of Books on Civil and Mechanical Engineering, has been awarded to Dadabhoy Ratanji Sataravala, of the College of Science, Poona.

The Jamshedji Dorabji Naegamvala Prize, consisting of of Books, has been awarded to Yeshvant Narayan Gore, of the College of Science, Poona.

The Merwanjee Framji Panady Scholarship, tenable for one year, has been awarded to Dadabhoy Ratanji Sataravala, of the College of Science, Poona.

The Balkrishna Sudamji Prize has been awarded to Byramji Maneckji Khambatta, of Grant Medical College.

The Charles Morehead Prize has been awarded to Nilkanth Anant Purandare, of Grant Medical College.

The Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit Scholarship for India Fund of 1883, tenable for one year, has been awarded to Avanbai Manekji Mehta, of Grant Medical College.

The Bai Hiralal Pestonji Hormasji Cama Gold Medal has been awarded to Avanbai Manekji Mehta, of Grant Medical College.

The Queen-Empress Silver Medal has been awarded to Avanbai Manekji Mehta, of Grant Medical College.

The J C Libba Gold Medal has been awarded to Phirozshah Muncherji Mehta of Grant Medical College.

The Bhugwandas Purshotumdas Sanskrit Scholarship, tenable for, one year, has been awarded to Devdatta Ramkrishna Bhandarkar, of Deccan College.

The Chancellors Medal has been awarded to Jagjwan Vallabhji Shah, of Baroda College.

The Jamshedji Nasarwanji Petit Zend Scholarship, tenable for one year, has been awarded to Hormajshah Manockji Chibber, of Elphinstone College.

The Sujna Gokuldi Zala Vedanta Prize has been awarded to Rameshandra Ganderao Terigundi, of Deccan College.

The Kashinath Trimbak Telang Gold Medal and Prize has been awarded to Jagjiwan Vallabhji Shah, of Baroda College

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 21.

Before the Hon'ble the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE B TYABJEE and the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE RUSSELL.

Matter referred from Chambers.

In the matter of the Sale of immoveable property situate at Shaik Memon Street and in the matter of Manilal Hargowan, a minor—Bhalshanker K Hargowan Manchanel—Petitioner.

Before the Hon'ble the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE B TYABJEE, In the Division Court No 32.

Appeal for hearing and final disposal.

616-90—Mansuklal D and J—Purshotumdas Mangaldas N and others vs Vithaldas Ramdas and others—Edgelow G and W Part heard.

1133—Roughton and B—Martha Cohen and Co vs Shapurji Muncherjee Madam.

168-97—Wadia and G—Motichand Tullockchund vs Manock chand Kapurchand—Edgelow G and W.

Reference from the Bombay Court of Small Causes.

3850-99—Wadia and G—Hirjee Bhojraj vs Jairam Raghunath and others—Mantri and B.

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37-00—Tyabjee D and Co—Regibai widow vs Ramdas Dodhowdas and others—Edgelow G and W.

39-00—Bhalshunker and K—Ardeshir Muncherjee Khodajee vs Ruttonjee Edulje Kerawalla—B Mehta.

44-00—Captain and V—K M de Souza and others vs M A de Silva and others—Dikshit and D.

Before the Hon'ble Mr JUSTICE CROWE.

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677-99—Payne G S and M—Anandibai vs Jaitha Romjee and others—Hiralal M and M.

165-00—In person—Ramchand Boniram and others vs Sowan ram Saliram and others—K B Mehta—and F D and Co.

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37-00—Mantri and B—Hassam Adam Patel and others vs Hirajee Kaloo and others—Payne G S and M.

215-00—In person a pauper—Atmaram Vithaldas Mehta vs Kalliandas Vithaldas Mehta and others Edgelow G and W.

452-00—N M Cama—Shavaksha Pestonji Sangana vs Percy J Fischer—Nanu & H.

309-99—Wadia—E G Joosub Hajee Ali vs Aboo Bucker Bloomer—Payne G S and M.

EARLY ARMY ACCOUNTS.

(Concluded from yesterday's "Bombay Gazette,")

A very regular table of the average whole-sale prices of grain, cattle, &c., might be compiled from these accounts. The localities of their production, too, are fairly uniform; thus the midland counties supply cattle, the eastern grain, Cambridge and Suffolk butter, cheese, and bacon, and the north coal Much cost and labour were expended in conveying fuel to distant garrisons. Thus timber had to be exported to Ireland, faggots and coal to the Channel Islands, Scotland, and France. With regard to this subject a curious exaction is extant in an account in the reign of Henry VIII. of the cost of making "Talwoode Billettes and faggottes, as well within H. M. Owne woodes as in all other woodes to whomsoever they apperteyne within the countie of Kente."

With respect to rations, the troops do not appear to have fared very sumptuously; the following are some of the allowances to the army in Ireland between 1598 and and 1604:—

Beef (salt or fresh) or pork to 1 to 2lbs per man once a week,

Newland fish and John Dory 1 1-2 fish, or 6 to 8 herrings, or one ling among five, once a week.

1 to 1 and 1-2 pints of pease or oatmeal, or 1-2 pound rice twice a week.

1-2 to 3-4 of a pound of butter twice a week.

1 pound of cheese once a week.

1 pound of biscuits a day.

The clothing was somewhat expensive for the times, though noticeable for the small difference in price between the uniform of officer and private. That of the former cost from 53s. 10d. to 62s. 10d.; of the latter, from 32s. 10d. to 41s. 2d. In connection with the clothing of the Irish army at this period, we meet with the names of two contractors, Ury-Babington and Robert Bromley, both London merchants, notorious as the perpetrators of one of the most gigantic frauds in the history even of our commissariat. The particulars of the case will be found in the Exchequer Decree Book, 12 and 13 James I. It will be sufficient to mention here that these worthies pocketed about £180,000 of public money, by keeping nearly half the troops without clothes for a number of years, suppressing the evidence of the officers by a lavish distribution of hush-money.

The only remaining event of importance in the reign of Elizabeth is an account of the expenses of levying a force for the suppression of Essex's attempt We know that it was with some difficulty that a small force could be collected in August, 1599, to resist a threatened invasion, and the recurrence of the difficulty is expressed in the preamble of the account: "For the better and speedier ordering of such things as are necessary to H.M. safety," it does not say much for the quality of these hasty levies that a claim for compensation for goods pillaged from a neighbouring dwelling during the assault on Essex Court, occurs as an item in this account.

We do not, of course, expect to find much mention of army expenditure during the peaceful reign of James I. The accounts of the expenses of the garrisons of Flushing and Brille are of interest, since they give some idea of the constitution of these military communities.

The garrison of Flushing consisted of 1,500 men, under a governor and a large staff of officers of half military, half municipal standing. The governor, who received £2 a day and escort, was supported by a sort of civil adviser, with the title of councillor of estate, a paymaster, knight-marshal, gentleman porter, water bailiff, and provost marshal, with officers of musters, cannoneers, &c.

Brille, with a garrison of 500, had the same arrangements on a smaler scale.

We are not surprised at James' anxiety to get the place off his hands, when we learn that the garrison of Flushing cost upwards of £25,000 a year, and that he was chiefly dependent for advances of money for pay and clothing on the tender mercies of Ury-Babington and Robert Bromley.

The mention of the expeditions to Cadiz and Rhe are intresting from their connection with the grievance of billeting. On their return from Cadiz the troops were distributed, as they had been on a similar occasion in 1597, in the south-westerrn counties, especially in the Isle of Wight, where they were shifted about "so that no part thereof should be more burthened than another."

A fair price, namely, from 2s. 6d. to 3s. a head was paid for quarters, as might be inferred from the fact that payment was made by privy seals or by forced loans from the county. There are several traces of the lax discipline complained of by the people, and one entry is for the cost of a gallows, 2s. 4d. and the funeral of two soldiers, 13s. 6d.

The outfit of a soldier at this time consisted of a suit costing from 43s. to 60s.; shoes 2s. 8d.; a shirt, 3s. 4d.; stockings, 1s. 6d., and a band, 9d.

In consequence, probably, of the popular discontent some of the troops were moved, in Febuary, 1627, into Northampton, where their expenses were defrayed by the county "is as customary on such necessary occasions."

The expenses of the Scotch war of 1638-9 are mentioned, and appear to have been very small, owing to loans and voluntary contributions. A list of Royalist commanders is given and among them Sir John Suckling as captain of 500 men, not of his own splendid company. The accounts of the pay of Hamilton's army are given, together with that of the Covenanters. Letters of Privy Seal are quoted, empowering the payment to Stafford of £300,000 for levying 8,000 foot and 1,000 horse in Ireland. Part of this was raised by tallies on the soap companies.

The most interesting feature of the accounts during the Civil wars is the mention of the resources of the Parliament.

Every conceivable method of raising money is resorted to, the following being the most in use: Assessments on the counties, private loans at 8 per cent, loans from the public Companies, the Eastern and Western Associations, and the Merchant Adventurers; the revenue of Excise, and the sale of Delinquents' and Church property.

The army expenditure is, of course, very heavy during the period, the greatest cost being incurred between 1645 and 1651—namely, seven and a half millions.

It seems something like retribution that the garrison of Gloucester—a city of the last importance to the Royal cause—should have been maintained out of a third of the profits of the imposition on currants, the hardships of which had been memorable in the last reign in the case of bates.

There is an account of the expenses of Charles I. at Cowes Castle, his general allowance being £30 a day. His attempt to escape is marked by the gift of £100 to those who had given timely information of his intentions, with a promise of a like sum on future occasions.

Amongst other Parliamentary Generals, Cromwell is mentioned in receipt, as Commander-in-Chief, of a salary at the rate of £3,000 a year.

An account occurs of the paying off, at the Restoration of thirteen regiments of foot, and twelve of horse, which are styled, probably not with their own consent, the Duke of york's, the Duke of Buckingham's Monk's &c.

With the Restoration a new military policy was entered on. A small but efficient standing army was at the king's disposal, and the experience of the late war had shown that the possession, and carefulmaintenance, of strong-holds was of more importance than a large army in the field. This policy is enunciated in letters patent for strengthening the garrison of Windsor, and the example was followed in the case of other important posts at an average cost in each case of from £2,100 to £5,000 a year. The Tower of London was no longer neglected as in former reigns, but was now garrisoned by three companies of Guards

Far less useful, but more costly, were the foreign garrisons of Dunkirk and Tangier. The former, which was costing at the rate of £135,000 a year, was soon abandoned in favour of Tangier.

The most sanguine expectations were indulged in of the future importance of this post as an addition to our commercial prosperity. It was to be kept up at a yearly cost of £70,000 and its port, which was to be open to all friendly nations, was extensively improved. The management of the place was vested in a committee of the Privy Council, under the title of "Commissioners of the Affairs of Tangier" to whom, from 1664 to 1680, Samuel Pepys acted as treasurer.

Through the expenses were kept within the assigned limit, the colony was far from a success. The mole took twenty years, and cost a quarter of a million to erect; while the weakness and corruption of the Government in its relations with the natives is marked by several entries. They even encouraged, if they did not hold a monopoly of slavery in the territory.

The organization of the first standing army—"the new raised Guards," as they were called—has been so often explained in connection with some of our historical regiments, that it would be difficult to bring any new matter to light. The rate of pay, and the composition of the different corps will, however, be easily understood from a perusal of the first accounts of the Paymaster-General.

It is interesting to observe, in the total yearly expenses, the enormous increase of army expenditure in the reign of James II. over that of Charles. Thus the cost of the army had risen from £220,000 in 1683, and £288,000 in 1684, to £588,000 in 1685, and £689,000 in 1686.

In connection with the camp at Hounslow, in the latter reign, we find several entries for compensation for wilful damages committed by the troops upon neighbouring owners.

There are several accounts of money spent in assisting the Revolution. Funds were raised by recourse to various expedients for anticipating the revenue—from the collectors of Excise, the hearth-money, the Post-office, and the temporalities of the vacant See of York. One item is for the pay of messengers "to and from the Gentlemen of Notts and Derby to appear and send in horses."

It is curious to note that, among the names of the vessels mentioned in these last accounts, and which were chiefly named according to political or religious partisanship, there occur, whether by accident or design, the names of the Anne and Sarah, and the John and Anne.

There remain to be mentioned the accounts of the campaign in Flanders, of the English division taken prisoners at Brillnegs, and, later still, of the forces employed to suppress the Jacobite rebellions; but from this time onwards they entries, though fuller a[illegible] have no longer the same historical value.

GOLF AND GOLFERS.

It cannot be said that the scoring was gold at the annual St. Andrews Meeting of the Royal Liverpool Club on Saturday last. As a matter of fact it could not be termed anything but indifferent, and we have to look back a long time—indeed to the first day of the spring meeting in 1898—to find as high a total as 84 winning the scratch award. Even then the conditions were sufficiently vile to account for the winning total of 88 for a full gale from the west had to be encountered, and any player who has experience of the Hoylake course can we understand what a gale from that quarter means. Now there was no gale on Saturday; there was only a fresh wind from the south east—generally considered a favourable quarter on the Hoylake course. However, it was probably blowing just a little bit too fresh to be really considered favourable and in addition to this it was blowing distinctly cold. With numbed fingers it is difficult for a golfer to find what may be termed the "tuch of the club," and many an indifferent stroke—and there must have been many played—could be accounted for on this score. Again, the course could hardly be termed in the best of trim, there being a good deal of loose soil and sand about the result of the necessary winter repairs to the turf, whilst the puttinggreens were difficult; at all events the majority of the competitors had a tale of woe to tell as regards holing out. Thus it is probable that this aforesaid tale of woe was in a sense justified, as the majority of the holes had what might be termed a lip on them—not an unusual thing at this time of the year, and particularly when there has been a slight suspicion of frost during the course of the previous night. The conditions then, did not prove quite what they appeared to be, but, even admitting this, the scoring might readily have been lower.

One would have some difficulty in saying whether the competitors who played in the morning or those who tempted fate in the afternoon had the better of the argument. The wind was undoubtedly stronger in the latter part of the day, and was probably more cold and biting; but, on the other hand, the early birds had a very bad light in which to play, the sun, which was low in the heavens, making approach-play extremely difficult, whilst the moisture on the putting greens did not improve matters. On the outward journey the majority came to grief, which was only natural, as the wind was almost dead ahead. Mr. Holden had the best outward score—43—Mr. Hilton, the winner, requiring 46, which included four 6's; in fact, 6's seemed the order of the day, as the amateur champion had five in his round, and Mr. Graham as many as six. On the whole the scoring was close, if somewhat indifferent, there being five scores between 84 and 88, as follow:—Mr. Hilton 84, Mr. Holden 86 Mr. Graham 87, and Messrs. Graham Hutchings and R. S. Hilton, 88.

In his palmy days, which unfortunately were soon over, Willie Campbell was the finest match player in the world, and the news of his death in America, at the early age of thirty-nine, has been received in this country with feelings of profound regret. No man, past or present, has ever exemplified more completely the difference between stroke and match play. Willie Campbell the stroke player was comparatively speaking a failure; Willie Campbell the match player was invincible. It is very queer this subtle effect which the stroke game has on so many first-class match golfers; for both forms of the pastime consist of reaching the hole in the fewest possible strokes—nothing more or less.

The most remarkable part of Campbell's golf was his play with the mashie. With that club he could do almost anything, and he never seemed happier than when using it. Sometimes he even selected it for putting. Amid surroundings which spoilt other men's games—cr

PURELY PERSONAL.

A VERY amiable, a very modest, a very popular and generous man has passed away in Mr. Lawson Johnston, the inventor of Bovril. Even at the dizzy height of the great fortune he made in a few years he remained ever the same. The first time I saw him many years ago, I could scarcely realise that this shy and almost self-effaced man was the daring and original business genius who had become a millionaire while still in his early middle age. He was a little below the middle height; well knit and well shaped, with a stamp of good breeding and good blood everywhere about him. Indeed refinement was the dominant impression you got from his physique and his manner. The eyes were blue soft-very gentle; the complexion of that delicate tint which shows physical suffering; the voice was low and sweet; the whole manner had the tranquillity one associates with an English Kuaker rather than with the sturdy and rugged Scotch Presbyterian stock from which Mr. Lawson Johnston came. He passed in and out of his office and indeed, in and out of life, after the same fashion; a little shadowy and spectral because of his gentleness and sweetness of disposition, and love of quiet and self-effacement.

He had a palatial residence in Sydenham, in the region which was formerly called the King's Wood and which up to the days of Elizabeth was still part of the Royal domains. But his delight was not so much in the splendour of his house and its grounds as in the artistic and historic curiosities he had collected there: the marble bath of Marie Antoinette, the fountain from St. Cloud, the four-poster in which King Charles had once slept—these were the things he delighted to gather togethes.

But, especially in late years, Mr. Johnston loved the sea. He bought from Mrs. Langtry her famous yacht, "The White Lady," and in the fresh air he breathed from the deck of this craft he found relief from the suffering which weakness of the heart's action always brings. It was on board the "White Lady that he died. It was fortunate that, though the end came suddenly, wife and children—except, I believe, one—were there to soothe the last hours of a husband and parent who was idolised rather than loved for his unfailing affection and tenderness.

So far as I was concerned, she succeeded; for I listened with all my ears to every word of the play; grew in the end to feel as if I were in a drawing room, listening to the conversation of a number of clever people, everyone of whom I knew; and the next day I found my mind recurring to the characters and scenes as though it were something in real life, and not merely a dream of passion. And yet some of the best things in the extremely witty play are, I fear, caviare to the general. I didn't feel that the audience quite understood, and I see clearly none of the critics realised what was in some respects the best, truest, and most original creation in the play—namely, Miss East, the heiress. She is an up-to-date, and, if I mistake not, a Transatlantic edition of the Lydia Languish of last century; the sentimental young woman who does not know her own mind, and who is constantly divided between her love and her nervous terrors; a state of mind much more usual with women about to wed than is generally supposed. The scene between her and her lover is the very truest high comedy; but it is so subtle and so original that I dare say people did not realise its full humour and truth to life.

I was not present the first night of the play's production, when I see from the papers there was some difference of opinion; but when I heard the play, the audience was enthusiastic and unanimous. Anyone who misses seeing it will certainly go without a very pleasant, intellectual treat, and two very delightfully spent hours.

I see, by the way, that one critic demands the moral of the play, and suggests that it has none. It seems to me very plain—namely, the devilishness to each other of which women are capable. It is in her dissection of the meaner and baser subtleties of certain types of women that Mrs Craigie is at her best; that is, so to speak, the "clou of her literary genius both in her books and in her plays. And in nothing has she done this more skilfully than in the series of portraits she has drawn in the galaxy of beautiful and beautifully dressed women in her new play.

Every word of this latest comedy of conversation (writes my "Green Room" correspondent) is unmistakeably "John Oliver Hobbes"—the smart repartee, the touches of sentiment, the delightful love scenes. The Duke—a charming Duke who might be Lord St. Orbyn at an earlier period of that impressionable Ambassador's career—and his bewitching Duchess, have the prettiest speeches and the best opportunities of the play. His Grace tells his bride of the time when he feared to whisper his love because his shy bird might have flown away; the Duchess reminds her Duke of the day when she first touched his cheek with her own, reading "The Spectator over his shoulder. "How I wished "The Spectator were a daily!" says the bridegroom. Mr. Alexander and Miss Fay Davies have never played with a lighter touch or more delicate sincerity.

Miss Granville, as Mrs. Ralph Wathering, speaks many of the best lines. In the first act she tells her friends that she "married for love and two hundred thousand pounds." But later on she gives the charming explanation that she "married a person she met at a party." Lord Appleford (Mr. H. B Irving) remarks that "we have five senses and but one conscience; that explains everything." They say of this cynical serious Appleford that "where his heart ought to be there is a Byzantine mosaic. Nevertheless, he is able to remind his well beloved that he once held her hand in Rome—all the way from the Vatican to the Colosseum!" "Discretion," says the Duke of St. Asaph, "means a good memory for the lies you've told." "Beware of your wife when she listens to reason" says the inane husband of Mrs. Tommie Bistern, "You mustn't go to Russia," exclaims Mr. De Lisle Bradgers, M. P. "Don't go to Russia? Horrid place—so draughty."

I was not a little (amused adds another contributor) at hearing an animated controversy over the true nationality of the writer of "The Wisdom of the Wise" on the occasion of the production of the play at the St. James's Theatre, I knew that the people who worked themselves into a state of excitement over the question whether Mrs. Craigie was Irish Scotch, English or American claimed to be particular friends of the heroine of the evening. This made the incident all the more entertaining as Mrs. Craigie is very fond of laying stress on her American nationality. That she is not typically "American" in manner comes from the fact that she has been reared and educated almost entirely in England. She was only three months old when her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan Richards made London their permanent residence.

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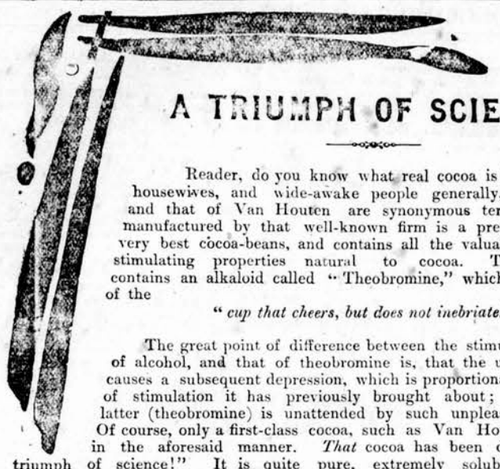

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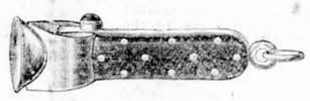
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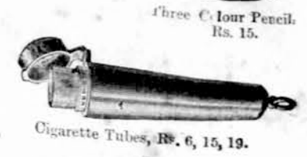
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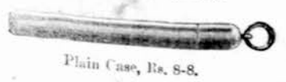
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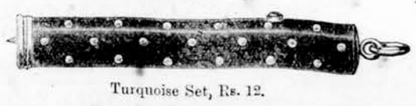
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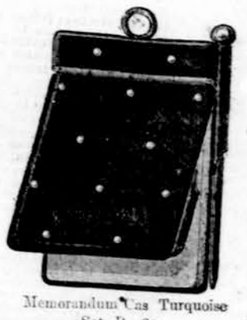
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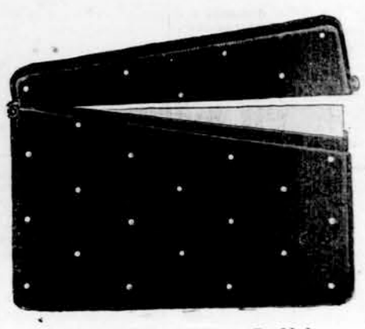
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